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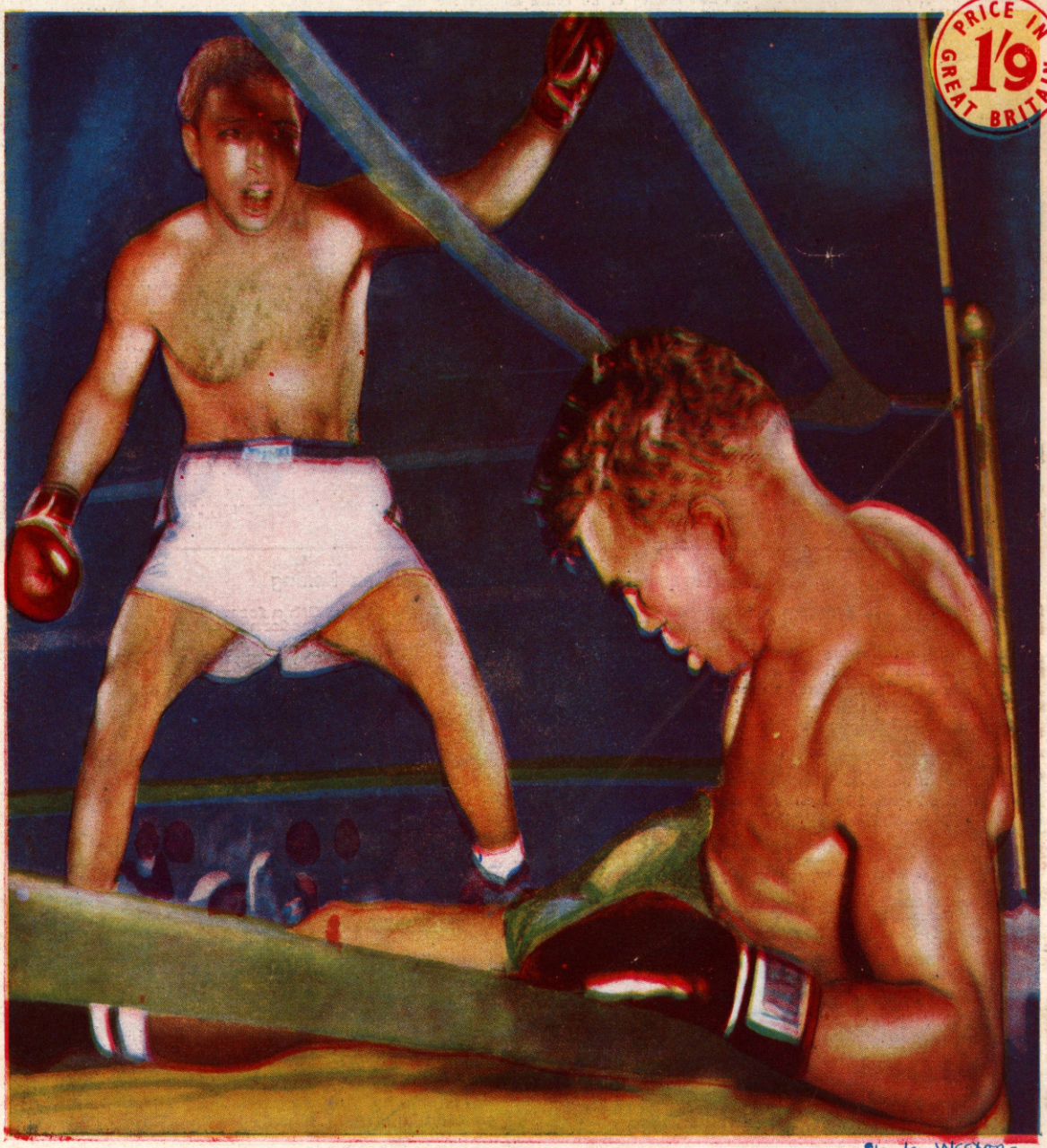

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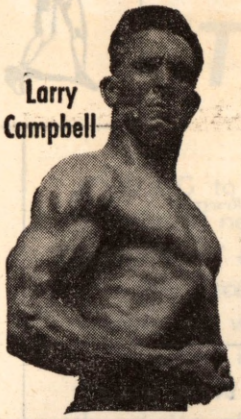

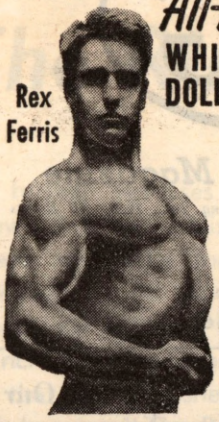

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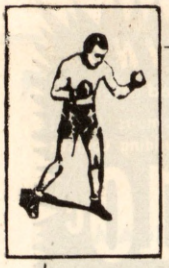

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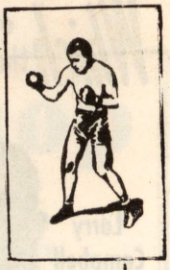

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HAVING achieved a clear title to the heavyweight championship of the world with an emphatic 15-round victory over Joe Louis, having gained a clean-cut triumph in the most vital contest of 1950, Ezzard Charles stands out, beyond all debate, as the Fighter of the Year.

In fact when the editor of THE RING Magazine and his staff, assisted by correspondents of this publication all over the boxing map, got down to the business of making the award, there was no formidable competition for Charles.

Winning THE RING'S citation, and the most coveted award in world boxing, was not a new experience for Ezzard, as he gained it for 1949. However, pronounced as was his right to the prize then, it is infinitely more so now, in the aftermath of his great showing against Louis.

Before going any further with the summation of Charles' merits, and the analysis of the year in boxing, it would be well to make a few points clear.

In the first place, achievement in the squared circle alone is not, in itself, sufficient basis for consideration for THE RING Magazine's Fighter of the Year award, which carries with it designation as the No. 1 man in the ratings of twelve months of boxing struggle.

When the Fighter of the Year award was established by this publication in 1928, with the designation of Gene Tunney, it was made quite clear that the winner had to have a clean moral record. He had to be an example to the growing American Boy. He had to have perfect public relations to be a credit to himself and to the sport he represented before the world public.

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There is yet another matter to fasten on the understanding of the reader. The annual ratings of THE RING Magazine are based only on accomplishment in the past year.

The rankings herein presented are based on achievement in 1950, not on what any boxer may have done in 1949, 1948 and other past years, not on what may be accepted as the potentials of 1951.

Complete understanding of this is very important. The ratings are for 1950, emphatically.

Emphatic as was Charles' triumph in so far as THE RING Magazine's Fighter of the Year award is concerned, he was not without competition.

Yes, Ezzard's right to the prize was not debatable. Yet he had a strong antagonist in Ray Robinson, welterweight champion of the world, who had a most active year.

If we had an award for the champion most active in the year 1950, we would give it to Sugar Ray. Perhaps, when boxing returns to something like its pre-war pace, this magazine will institute a citation of that kind.

With all of Robinson's activity, the sum total of his influence on the world boxing situation was not equal to that represented by Charles' surprisingly easy success against Louis.

NO. 3 man in THE RING Magazine's Fighter of the Year competition is Lee Savold who knocked out Bruce Woodcock, British Empire champion. Later, Jack Gardner also stopped Bruce. But Savold's victory, nonetheless, was of great importance in the world heavyweight situation, and after Louis' decidedly lacklustre performance against Cesar Brion, Savold may become increasingly important as we move toward the outdoor fight season of 1951 despite Lee's age.

Our No. 4 boxer in the Award of Merit standing for 1950 is little Vic Toweel, who whipped our Manuel Ortiz in Johannesburg, South Africa, and became the bantamweight champion of the world.

In the past, THE RING Magazine often saw fit to ignore the fact that a man was a champion, and to rate him something worse than first in his division.

No such departure from the orthodox will be found in the ratings for 1950. To the champion in each class goes the top ranking in it.

In the heavyweight division, behind Charles, we find Louis, in spite of his bad fight against Ezzard, and his mediocre showing against Brion.

It is fairly conceivable that 1951 will shove Louis right out of the picture. Time and competition will attend to this chore, if Joe himself does not beat them to it with a retirement which, this time, will stick.

Our No. 3 heavyweight is Savold, and then we come to Joey Maxim, who thus gains location in two divisions.

Maxim, as light-heavyweight cham-

HOW THEY COMPARE WITH LAST YEAR'S RATINGS

HERE is a comparison of the Number One man in 1949 ratings and his leading contender and those of 1950. In each division the top man is the world title holder.

In several divisions the men who were listed the top two in our last ratings are again honored with the highest ranking positions. This is the case in the light-heavyweight, middleweight and featherweight divisions. In the last named, Pep and Saddler exchange places with Sandy the champion.

Heavyweights
1949—Ezzard Charles and Joe Walcott.
1950—Ezzard Charles and Joe Louis.

Light-heavyweights
1949—Joey Maxim and Archie Moore.
1950—Joey Maxim and Archie Moore.

Middleweights
1949—Jake LaMotta and Ray Robinson.
1950—Jake LaMotta and Ray Robinson.

Welterweights
1949—Ray Robinson and Kid Gavilan.
1950—Ray Robinson and Eddie Thomas.

Lightweights
1949—Ike Williams and Arthur King.
1950—Ike Williams and Eddie Thomas.

Featherweights
1949—Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler.
1950—Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep.

Bantamweights
1949—Manuel Ortiz and Luis Romero.
1950—Vic Toweel and Luis Romero.

Flyweights
1949—Rinty Monaghan and Terry Allen.
1950—Dado Marino and Jean Sneyers.

pion, stands out clearly as the class in that group. But we would be a lot better off if Maxim cleared up the question of his superiority to Archie Moore, a great boxer, a fine, eager competitor who somehow cannot get the work his techniques deserve.

IN the middleweight class, we encounter a champion whose top rating for 1950 was saved by a thrilling triumph.

With only 30 seconds to go in his memorable 15 round fight with Laurent Dauthuille, of France, in Detroit, on September 13, with the foreigner so far ahead that the ringside already regarded him as the new Cerdan, Jake LaMotta tore into his man with a vigor and effectiveness which sent Dauthuille down and out.

Thus La Motta preserved his No. 1 rating in the middleweight division, which otherwise would have gone to Robinson.

Behind Robinson, very much outstanding among the welters, is Eddie Thomas, the Welshman, who was virtually nowhere in the 1949 ratings. One year ago we ranked Kid Gavilan second, but he somehow failed to come up to expectations during 1950, while Thomas had one of the most amazing successes in world boxing.

Ike Williams, lightweight champion, went through 1950 unbeaten in a fight for the title. He engaged in quite a few overweight scraps, and certainly was not the fighter he had been in 1949.

It is said that Ike is unhappy in his present connection. In any event, of all the champions listed for 1950, Williams made the weakest showing.

It is quite evident that the lightweight division needs immediate attention.

John L. Davis, of Oakland, is THE RING's No. 1 contender in that class, with Freddie Dawson, Chicago, second. Freddie lost top ranking through his recent defeat by Davis, a verdict that is very unpopular.

The featherweight situation in 1949 was Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler, and in 1950, it was Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep.

Saddler regained the championship in an unsatisfactory fight in New York which was stopped because Pep had suffered a dislocation of a shoulder.

THE RING Magazine did not think too much of this fight at the time, and it is inclined to think even less of it now. Meanwhile, we have this feather rating for 1950—Saddler on top, the veteran Pep second.

IN the bantamweight division, Toweel, the South African of Armenian lineage, gained the title, and Ortiz, the losing titleholder, slipped behind Luis Romero, of Spain, as the No. 1 contender.

The flyweight class, not very much alive in the United States, also produced a new champion, in Dado Marino, of Hawaii, who whipped Terry Allen, of England. Now Allen must slip behind Jean Sneyers, of France, as the No. 1 challenger.

Despite the tendency to deprecate and depreciate boxing, the fact remains that from one point of view at least, 1950 was a good if not spectacular year in world competition. So much so, that no fewer than five championships changed hands.

To begin with, Charles eliminated Louis. Charles' victory over Jersey Joe Walcott had made him American titleholder. The NBA jumped at conclusions and called him the champion of the world.

THE RING refused to support the NBA in this, and THE RING gained the backing of the New York State Commission and the European Boxing Union

Then Charles chucked Louis out of the picture, and now we have a real world champion, with THE RING's stand thoroughly justified.

Joey Maxim signalized 1950 by whipping Freddie Mills for the light-heavyweight title.

Saddler took the featherweight laurels from Pep, and Toweel and Marino scored their clean cut victories in the small men divisions.

Thus, the only world champions who came out of 1950 unscathed were Jake LaMotta, middleweight; Ray Robinson, welterweight; and Ike Williams, lightweight. Williams and Maxim were the only champions who didn't defend their titles.

ALTHOUGH Charles gained the Fighter of the Year award, although he won the world title, he did not, in the estimation of THE RING Magazine Board of Selection, win the citation for the most remarkable progress during the twelve month period.

This distinction was won by Toweel. Our No. 2 man in the Progress of the Year competition is Rex Layne, of Utah, who outpointed Walcott in ten rounds in November, in New York, taking six rounds by definite margins over a heavy favorite with vastly more experience. Our No. 3 man, Johnny Saxton, New York welter, winner of 16 fights in 1950, six by KO.

Others in this contest were Savold, who returned to action with an impressive success; Dauthuille, who came so close to winning the middleweight championship; Eugene Hairston, New York middleweight, and Harry Matthews, Seattle heavy.

It is a privilege to play up Toweel as the Progress of the Year winner.

Vic started his professional career in January 1949. Within one year he had 14 fights. The one in which he took the title from Ortiz was his thirteenth. He has not been beaten. He has not been threatened, and in addition to being the world's bantam champion, is the featherweight king of South Africa.

Layne's victory over Walcott came at a very fine time, in so far as the general boxing picture was concerned. Then, as never before in 1950, did the game need a tonic very badly. Layne's success was unexpected, refreshing, a triumph for the kids of the game.

THE world picture in boxing, in 1950, was not what you might call ideal, by any means.

Especially was the situation in the United States lacking in many lifting qualities which, one year ago, we were so confident 1950 would produce.

The sport in this country continues to suffer from the presence of a few hoodlums among under cover managers.

In the matter of numbers, these characters are insignificant. In the matter of potential influence, well, you cannot write them off. The pity is that these men could not possibly exist if all the Commissions went after them, and drove them out.

Boxing is suffering from television. And it is not alone in this plight. Baseball, college football, hockey and professional basketball also are having their troubes with video.

It is a basic fact that you cannot give away your assets, and hope to prosper. Yet, boxing and all those other sports are doing exactly that, selling their birthrights for a mess of pottage. They truly are the direct descendants of Esau.

Some years ago, a dangerous fiction gained wide circulation. Mike Jacobs had much to do with its birth.

"Soon we will be able to hold a heavyweight championship fight before 5000 people, and make a fortune out of television," Michael announced.

This, of course, was hooey at the time, and it is discredited today. Yet it may eventually materialize. At least, television studio officials are talking about it.

The gate, the cheering thousands, always will be vital factors in every sport. Anything which tends to keep people away from the box office is a tremendous hazard.

How can a small club in a small city hope to do business, if championship fights in New York and Chicago are available to local fans over video, at no cost at all?

The small clubs in boxing are being killed off like the minor leagues in baseball.

What boxing in the United States needs is:

1—A more intelligent and realistic evaluation of the hazards of television, especially with the coaxial cable to Los Angeles due to be finished in one year.

2—Elimination of all hoodlums, and their influences.

3—More intelligent, more liberal matchmaking methods, and a stronger flair for promotion among those who run boxing in this country.

4—Encouragement of the younger boxers, because, as was shouted by the Louis failures against Charles and Brion, and Walcott's defeat by Layne and Pep's failure against Saddler, the old boys are being booted, but hard, by Father Time.

ROBINSON IS *the* BEST ALL-AROUND FIGHTER

By NAT FLEISCHER

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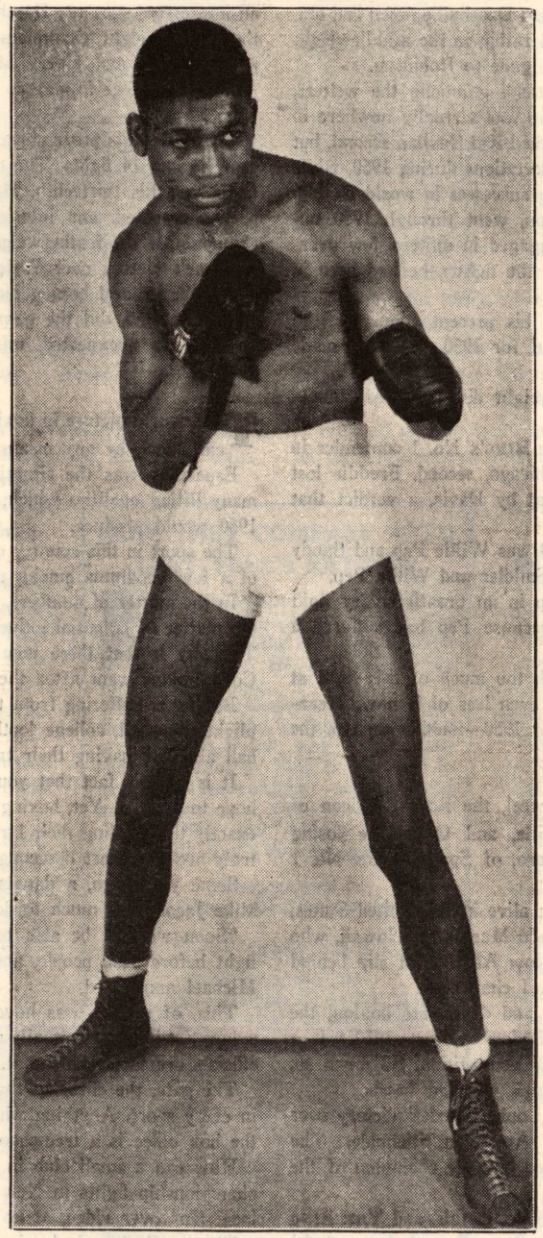
THREE fighters figure prominently in The Ring's Annual Ranking of World Fighters for 1950—Ezzard Charles, Ray Robinson and Joey Maxim, each a title holder. Charles receives the highest award for having firmly established himself as world heavyweight king. Robinson hit the spotlight as the greatest all-around fighter, pound-for-pound in any division, and Maxim for winning the world light-heavyweight crown by scoring a knockout over Freddie Mills in England and having gained recognition as the third outstanding contender for the heavyweight crown.

He and Sugar Ray are the only two to be named in two divisions, the one in which each holds a world championship and the next higher class. But on the basis of fighting ability, hard hitting, clever boxing, ring generalship, masterful feinting and blocking and hitting, the man who stands above all others is Robinson.



"Sugar" Ray Robinson, welterweight king and outstanding contender for middleweight honors.

THOUGH there are a number of changes in the positions of the leading fighters this year, the majority of those listed in the numerical groups were in the same divisions in the 1949 selections. Thus we have Ezzard Charles heading the heavyweights. He is the outstanding fighter of his division. But instead of having Jersey Joe Walcott as his leading challenger, as was the case in the 1949 ratings, we now find the former king of the heavies, Joe Louis, in the role of top contender. Though Louis was badly whipped by Charles in the Brown Bomber's first comeback battle, he received his high rating as a contender only because the young men who are striving for a shot at the crown are not yet fully matured. Yet, since Lee Savold has fought only once during the year and is ranked high among the leaders, Joe's case is little different from his. Youth will have its say and this year's ratings indicate that quite thoroughly by the number of young men who have come to the front to put into the background the veterans who held the roost last year. The Layne-Walcott battle in the Garden was an example. Listed as a prohibitive favorite, Jersey Joe went into the ring expecting a softie in his Lewiston, Utah, youthful opponent, but emerged from the fray a sadly disappointed pugilist who not only was defeated by Layne but lost his chance at another crack at the world crown.

In both of his ring battles since donning the gloves again, Louis, the terrifying Dark Destroyer of yesteryear, bore only a vague resemblance to the man who in his heyday rolled up the greatest record in the history of modern pugilism, twenty-five successful title defenses and eleven years reign as king of the heavyweight division.

He still has a good jab and hurts when he lands a punch, but he has slackened down to a snail's pace and has lost coordination, hence as he plods along the comeback trail, he remains in the picture though he'd be better off if he retired. He'll continue to triumph against the opponents chosen for his build-up for a second shot at Charles and when he gets that next summer he'll undoubtedly hang up his gloves for good.

LEE SAVOLD, by virtue of his recognition as "world champion" by the British Board of Boxing Control, is placed behind Louis though he fought only once, stopping Bruce Woodcock, British Empire champion. But Lee, like Louis, must be considered among the top men since his fine performance in London entitles him to a crack at the crown held by Charles.

Next to Lee, comes the light-heavyweight champion, Joey Maxim who, like Ray Robinson, has been fighting

Ezzard Charles, the world's heavyweight title holder.

in his own and the next higher division. Joey, besides being a clever boxer, possesses excellent boxing technique and is a brainy fighter, who, if pitted against the young prospects, would be favored to come out on top. Joey had six fights. Besides winning the title from Freddie Mills by a knockout in ten rounds, he stopped Joe Dawson in two, Bill Peterson in six, Johnny Swanson in three, won from Bill Peterson in ten and Bill Brown in the same number of rounds.

Another veteran, Lee Oma, holds down fourth post. Though he is an in-and-out performer and was in a "no-contest" bout with Bill Weinberg, in which they were disqualified for not giving their best, he faced two men who fought the heavyweight champion, Freddie Beshore and Nick Barone. Freddie went 14 rounds with Charles before being stopped, and in his bout with Oma, he lost the verdict in ten. Barone went ten with Oma but was halted by Charles in eleven.

Vern Mitchell was another fighter over whom Oma won in ten. Lee faced the highly-rated Bob Satterfield and knocked him out in the sixth round of their first engagement and won in ten in a return mill. Oma is a worthy contender for the crown. If he took his work seriously, he would have many supporters in a fight for the heavyweight title.

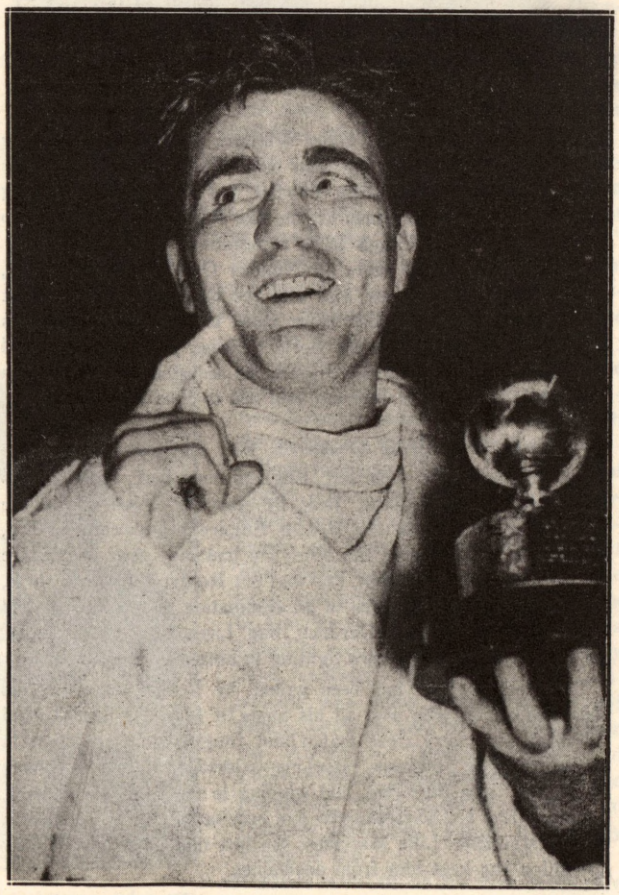
OF the 21 heavyweights listed numerically, eight are comparative newcomers, men who have come to the front only during the past three years. Of these, the one who made the most headway is Bob Baker, giant Negro from Pittsburgh, who, in 18 contests since he started his pro career in 1949, has won all and scored 14 knockouts, nine in succession. He looms as the best threat for the heavyweight crown among the prospects. In 1950 he knocked out Henry Jones, Johnny Flynn, Rusty Payne, Sid Peaks, Bill Weinberg, and he also won in ten from Sid Peaks.

Bob Baker has the unique distinction of being the first since Joe Louis came into the fistic spotlight to be rated fifth or better in the international yearly ranking of boxers during the first two years of a professional career.

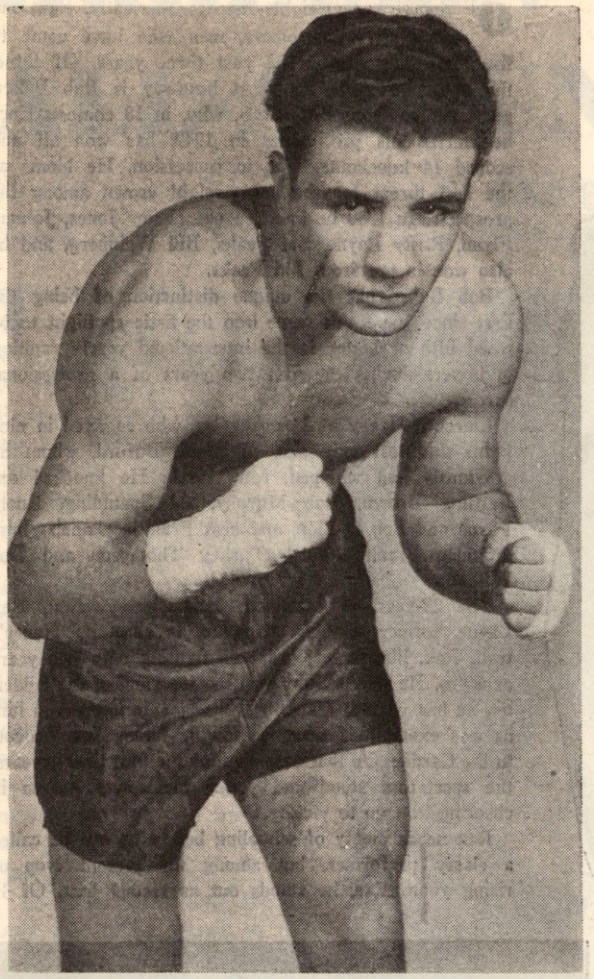
Clarence Henry of Los Angeles, who engaged in nine fights and lost only one, to Frank Buford, whom he previously had whipped, rates sixth. He knocked out Battling Brown, Bob Murphy, Al Spaulding, Rusty Payne and Bob Dunlop, and beat Frankie Daniels, John Holman, Frank Buford, Turkey Thompson and Doc Williams.

The 22-year-old Lewiston, Utah, heavyweight, Rex Layne, former A.A.U. champion, is close on Henry's trail. Rex, like Baker, has been fighting only two years as a pro. He may never reach the top rung of the ladder, but he has what it takes to arouse public interest in him as was exemplified when he fought Jersey Joe Walcott in the Garden. On that occasion, for the first time in years, the spectators stood and yelled themselves hoarse in cheering him on to victory.

Rex needs plenty of schooling before he can be called a classy performer, but among the present crop of rising youngsters, he stands out as second best. Of 14



Light-heavyweight champ Joey Maxim, who casts a covetous eye on the heavy bauble.



Head man in the middleweight division, the "Bronx Bull," Jacob LaMotta.

fights, Layne lost only to Dave Whitlock and drew with Andy Walker and Dale Hall. He also beat Whitlock twice. Turkey Thompson, Joe Kahut, Grant Butcher and Walcott were among his victims in decision bouts. Layne, like Bob Murphy, broke into the fistic spotlight through RING recognition.

Walcott, for several years the Number One or Two contender, at last finds age shunting him into the background. His defeat at the hands of Layne, the major upset of the year, caused his drop to eighth position in the world ranking. Jersey Joe knocked out Harold Johnson, Omelio Agramonte and Johnny Shkor, won from Hein ten Hoff in Germany and lost to Rex Layne.

IN the place of Bruce Woodcock, who for several years was rated among the first ten, England has Jack Gardner, his conqueror, listed this year. Jack, by stopping Woodcock in the eleventh round to win the British Empire heavyweight crown, earned his spurs among the elite. He had only four fights. He lost to Vern Escoe in eight, knocked out Robert Eugene in three, won from Johnny Williams in an elimination in ten, then halted the veteran Woodcock. Gardner, like Layne and Baker, completed only two years of pro fighting to obtain his high post.

The tenth position has been gained by Rocky Marciano, the New Englander, who won all his bouts in 1950. He beat Roland LaStarza in a very close match and fought ordinary talent in his other four contests, stopping Eldridge Eatman, Johnny Shkor and Gino Buonvino, and winning in ten from Ted Lowry.

Behind him is LaStarza, who lost only one fight in 41 contests, that to Marciano. Like Marciano, the fact that he has faced poor opposition has kept him from advancing.

Ike Williams, the lightweight champion of the world. →

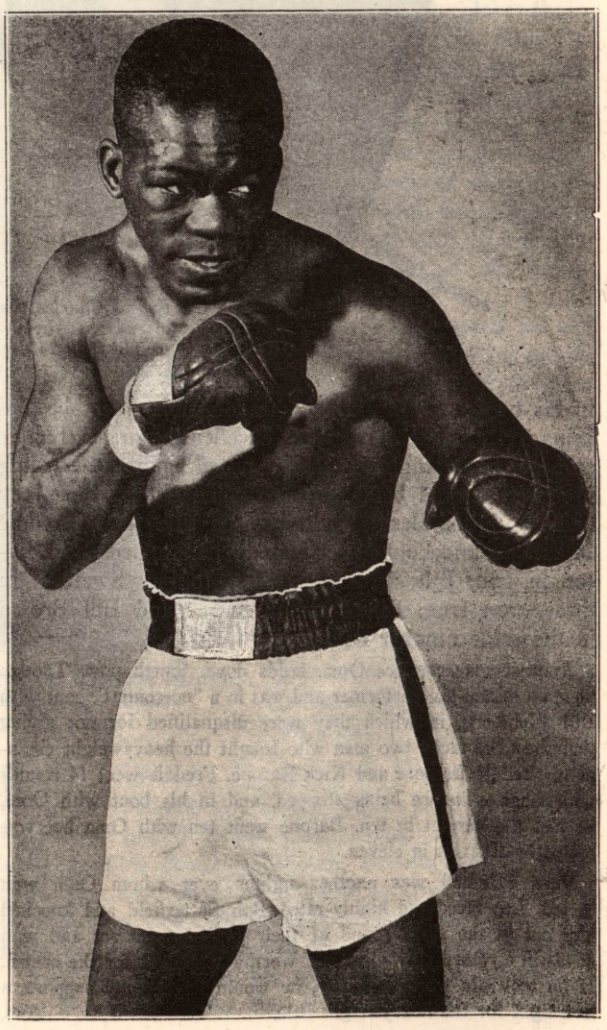
JOEY MAXIM, who holds the light-heavyweight crown and is also listed third challenger for heavyweight honors, has two sturdy contenders in Archie Moore and Harry Matthews, either of whom is capable of giving Joey a tough battle for the crown. Moore, the man who unjustly has been held on the sidelines because of the negligence of American boxing commissions in not demanding that he be given a chance to fight for the world crown, is the outstanding challenger in the division and has been for a number of years. Yet despite repeated attempts to gain recognition for a title shot, he has been ignored by the N.B.A. and by the New York Commission. Loud talking by our rules makers, beautiful speeches on how they are protecting boxing, look excellent in print, but actions speak louder than words and their failure to obtain for Moore a championship bout is a disgrace to legalized boxing.

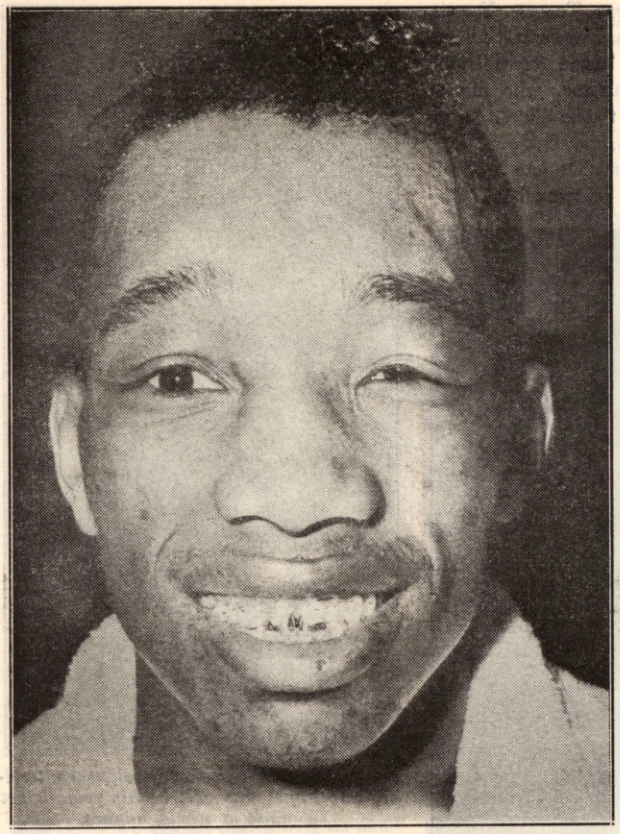
The same holds true of Harry Matthews, a Seattle fighter with an outstanding record. The sooner commissions, especially in leading states, stop talking about not being matchmakers and see that deserving fighters get the chance for a championship match to which they are entitled, the better for the sport. Moore, after winning from Bert Lytell and stopping Vernon Williams, in disgust stopped fighting for the year because he couldn't obtain any matches.

He remains our Number One contender, nevertheless.

Matthews, managed by Jack Hurley, engaged in 14 bouts and won them all. He scored 11 knockouts. His victims included Tony Elizondo, Freddie Fiducia, Gene Pearce, Watson Jones, Reuben Jones, Phil Muscato, Jose Ochea, John Thomas, Sonny Andrews, Anton Raadik and Windmill Pearce. He also won from Jack Flood, Anton Raadik and Frank Ronkovich.

Another fine Western light-heavyweight is Bob Murphy, who fought 12 times and lost only once, a knockout at the hands





Sandy Saddler sports the smile of victory following his kayo of Willie Pep for the featherweight crown.

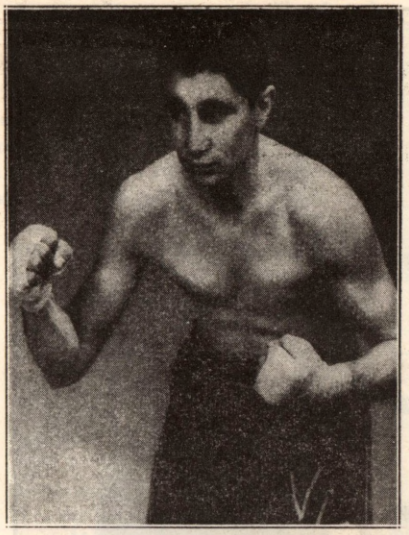
of Clarence Henry, a high ranking heavyweight. In all his other bouts, he scored knockouts. In Bob's New York debut he stopped Dick Wagner in one round and later in the Garden he kayoed Jimmy Beau in seven rounds of a sensational bout. He also beat Dave Whitlock twice, scoring knockouts in the 10th and 11th rounds. He is rated third.

THE Mid-West gets the fourth ranking fighter in Bob Satterfield of Chicago. Bob won over Nick Barone and Tommy Gomez and knocked out Lee Oma in six rounds, but in a return engagement with Lee, he lost the decision in six.

Following Satterfield is Nick Barone, who took a gamble in fighting Ezzard Charles for the heavyweight crown, but found that he had better stick to his own division. All his losses have been against top men in the higher division—Ezzard Charles, Bob Satterfield, Reuben Jones and Lee Oma. He knocked out Phil Muscato, Gino Buonvino, Tommy Yarosz, Joe Taylor and Jimmy Beau. The fight with Beau was a gruelling affair that got him the shot at Charles.

Jimmy Slade, a New York City boy, who has been fighting only two years, came up with an excellent score in 1950 with eight victories in as many fights to gain sixth place. He started off in April with a triumph on a disqualification over Mickey Carter in seven rounds, and from then on, beat Lee Baldwin, Doc Williams, Chubby Wright, Doc Williams again, Bert Lytell, Ted Lowry and Chubby Wright, for the second time. His best victory was over Lytell.

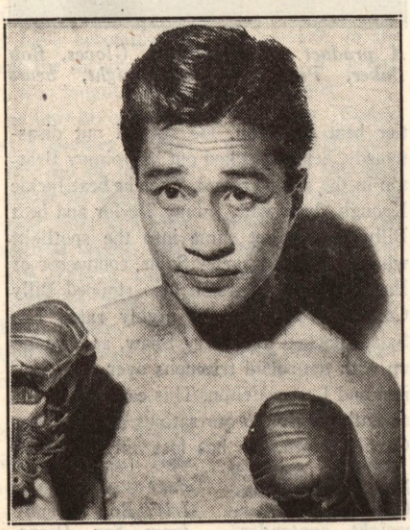
Although Doc Williams of Newark, N. J., had only four fights and lost three, his performances entitled him to a high place among the light-heavyweights. He lost twice to Slade in tough contests, beat a heavyweight in Joe Lindsay and lost to one of the best heavyweights in Clarence Henry. In each contest he went ten rounds. Were he able to get fights with the best in his own class, his real worth would be in evidence. He is allotted seventh post. Like many other top youngsters, he is being shunned by the leading figures. Connie Rux, who retired as light-heavyweight king of Germany to fight in the heavier sector, and Don Cockell, British Empire light-heavyweight champion, follow in that order. Neither has a very impressive record, but each has displayed sufficient class to gain for the pair a place among the first ten in preference to Americans. Had Lloyd Marshall not been disqualified for fouling Cockell and suffered losses to Rux and Willi Hoepner, he would be in a higher place than tenth. Rux knocked him out in the second and Hoepner gained an eight-round decision. Marshall also fought a draw of eight rounds with Hans Strelecki in Germany and defeated Tommy Farr.



Vic Toweel, South African, who won the bantamweight title in his 14th professional fight.

IN the middleweight sector, we find the same two top names heading the list in 1950 as in 1949, Jake LaMotta as champion and Ray Robinson as the leading contender. Jake twice successfully defended his crown, beating Tiberio Mitri of Italy and Laurent Dauthuille of France, the man who almost relieved Jake of his title in Detroit last year. Dick Wagner, Chuck Hunter and Joe Taylor were LaMotta's other victims.

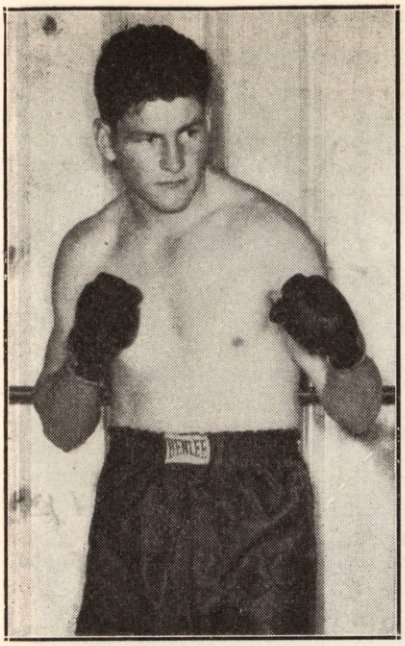
Robinson, listed by fistic experts as the winner of the Edward J. Neil Award, was a busy fellow. He engaged in fifteen bouts in one of which he defended his welter crown against Charley Fusari, and three were for the "world middleweight title," Pennsylvania version. He knocked out Jean Stock in Paris in four rounds and repeated that dose to Luc Van Dam in Brussels. Carl Olson, Hawaiian champion, was put away in the twelfth round; Jose Basora in the first; George Costner in one and Joey Rindone in six. Ray beat Robert Villemain in fifteen. Robinson stood out above all in both the welter and middleweight divisions.



Dado Marino, Hawaiian veteran, who captured the flyweight crown by defeating Terry Allen.

Four foreigners, Laurent Dauthuille of France, Dave Sands of Australia, Randolph Turpin of England, and Robert Villemain of France, hold down the next four positions in that order. Dauthuille has a most impressive record. In six fights in America he lost only one, when he was halted in the last round of a title bout by Jake LaMotta. The calibre of his opponents was much better than that of Sands, hence he gets the preference over the Australian. Dauthuille stopped Charley Zivic, Steve Belloise and Tuzo Portugese, twice, before losing to LaMotta and then Laurent beat Paddy Young in ten.

Sands won all of his five bouts. He beat Carl Olson in twelve rounds; stopped Boy Brooks in three and won from him



Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah, who moves into the heavyweight picture by virtue of his surprise win over Jersey Joe Walcott.

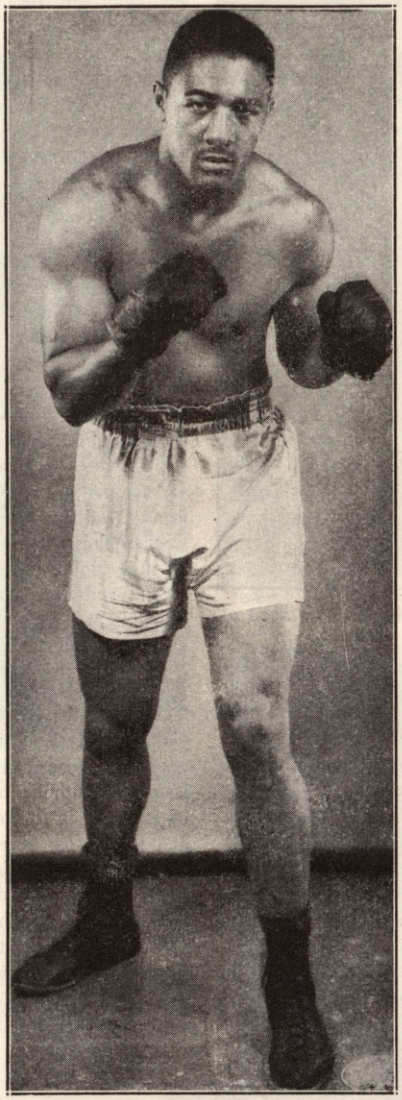
in ten; knocked out Henry Brimm in two and defended his heavyweight title against Alf Gallagher successfully in fifteen.

Turpin shades Villemain for fourth place. The Frenchman lost only to Robinson in 15 rounds but won from Jean Stock, Otis Graham, Kid Gavilan, Joe Rindone and Tommy MacFarr, the last named by a knockout in Antwerp.

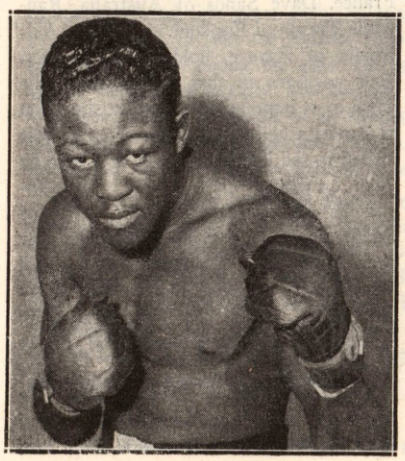
RANDOLPH TURPIN engaged in one fight more than Sands, in which Turpin beat Tommy Yarosz, who was disqualified for holding. He beat Gilbert Stock, stopped Richard Armah, Eli Elandon and Albert Finch, the last in a middleweight title bout and won from Gus Degouve.

From Turpin down, until we reach Mitri, last among the numerically rated fighters, the middleweight division has Americans the top men with two exceptions. Jimmy Beau, New Canaan, Conn., is sixth. Beau's great bouts against Nick Barone and Bob Murphy gained him this high post. Barnes lost only one bout, to Ray Robinson, and among his victims was Tommy Yarosz. Hairston and Ray Barnes of Detroit follow.

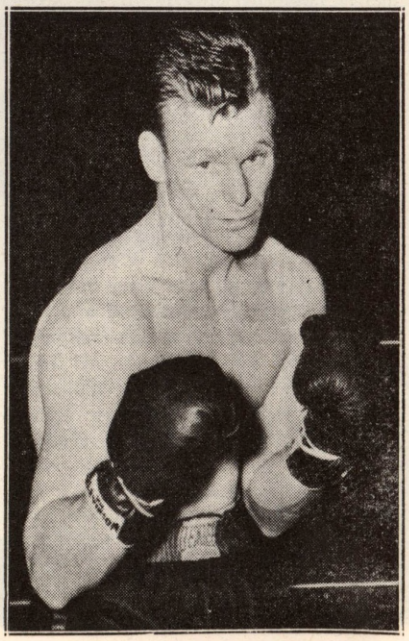
A boy who has made considerable progress is Gene Hairston, who almost overnight jumped into the headlines. As we reach the newsstands, he fights Walter Cartier in the Garden, too late for this issue's comment. In a previous bout, Cartier beat Hairston. He started out disastrously, being knocked out by Johnny Bratton in the second round. Then he beat Jackie Keough, drew with Jimmy Taylor and beat Billy Brown but came into the spotlight when he licked Charley Salas, conqueror of Ike Williams. Hairston also stopped Billy Corbett, won over the highly rated Lee Sala, knocked out Larry Shaw, and wound up with ten-round triumphs over Kid Gavilan and Lester Felton. This earned him the seventh position in our ratings, with Walter Cartier, ninth. He has lost only one bout in his career up to this writing.



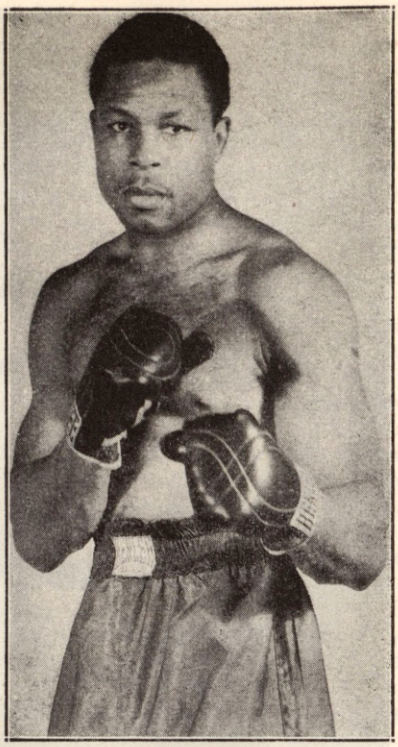
A product of the Golden Gloves, Bob Baker, Pittsburgh heavyweight, bears watching.



Kid Gavilan, Cuban welterweight contender, who is known for his ability to please the fans.



Irish Bob Murphy from San Diego, another aspirant for light-heavyweight honors.

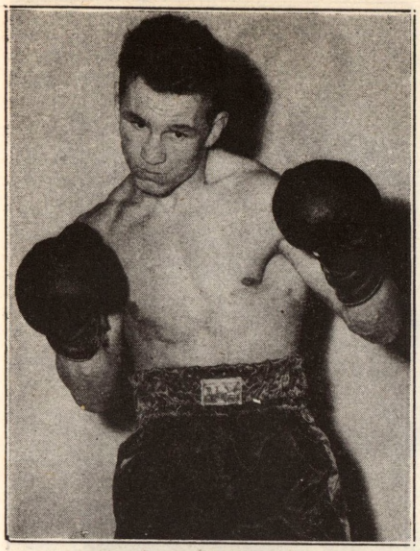


Archie Moore, light-heavyweight contender, who hopes this will be his year to get a crack at world honors.

One of the best fighters in the division is Art Towne, but he is too erratic. He's our tenth choice. He has considerable ability but it is directed into the wrong channel. Unable to obtain fights in the U. S., he wound up the year in Peru.

Rocky Graziano, former world champion, made a comeback and gained eleventh post. A draw with Tony Janiro followed by a victory in ten rounds over Tony were his best performances. He is trailed by Ronnie Delaney, Tony Janiro and Paddy Young, three excellent middleweights who are good drawing cards.

Delaney had eight fights. He drew in one



Laurent Dauthuille, French middleweight, who eyes a return bout with middle champ Jake LaMotta.

and won the rest. Janiro engaged in six. He started the year with a great victory over Charley Fusari in Detroit. Young, now in the Army, was stopped by Portugese, then beat Tuzo. He stopped Harold Green in one round, beat Ernie Durando and halted Vinnie Cidone, then lost a close decision in ten to Dauthuille.

WHEN we discuss middleweights and welterweights, we tackle the most active and best divisions in boxing. More good talent is to be found in those than in any of the other sections.

Although George Costner has temporarily been banned from active boxing until he is cured of an eye ailment, his punching and general fighting qualities make him our number one contender, primarily because of his defeat of Kid Gavilan at a time when the Cuban was one of the top ranking men, and his victory over Ike Williams who, coming in as a legitimate welter, lost all the way to the hard-hitting Costner. George lost to Gene Burton but also whipped him and got a decision over the rated Charley Cotton.

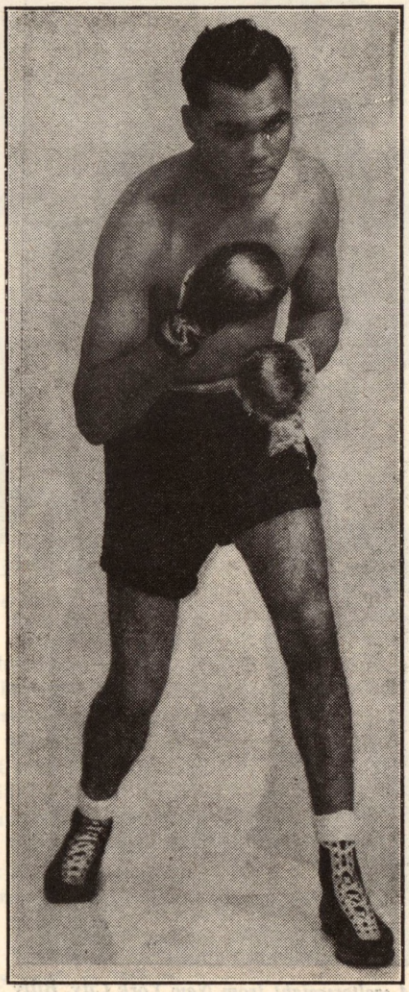
His knockout in one round at the hands of Ray Robinson, was his severest setback. But Sugar Ray could have accomplished that feat against a number of those who went the distance with him during the year, including Charley Fusari, who fought Ray for the title. In that bout Robinson took pains not to hurt his opponent.

Kid Gavilan is our second choice. He lost a number of contests, but his losses were overcome toward the end of the year by stirring victories. He started out with a defeat by Billy Graham and wound up the year with a victory over Billy in a close bout and over Janiro. Villemain, Costner and the highly rated Hairston beat him and he fought a draw with Tommy Ciarlo, which loss he didn't deserve. The Kid's victories over Otis Graham, George Small, Mike Kobella, Bobby Mann, Sonny Horne, Janiro and Phil Burton and the knockout of Johnny Greco make him an outstanding figure in the division.

TO Graham is allotted third place and Charley Fusari, fourth. Graham lost out by a whisker to Gavilan. Billy had eight fights and lost only to the Kid. He beat Tony Pellone, Kid Gavilan, Phil Burton, Jimmy Sanders, Tommy Bazzano and Kid Dussart and stopped Sammy Mastrean.

Fusari, who had a chance at the world title when he fought Robinson for the Damon Runyon Fund, failed to live up to expectations. He lost to Janiro and Paddy Young besides dropping the duke to Sugar Ray but stopped Pellone and won from Jimmy Flood.

A Britisher is next in line in Eddie Thomas who, had he not fought a draw a few weeks ago in London with Titi Clavel, would have been first or second among the world contenders. But that draw at the hands of a fighter who, in eight bouts, drew once and lost five contests against ordinary talent dropped Thomas to fifth place in the world ratings. He scored a knockout over Glyn Williams and won over Stan Reypens, Bruno Marostegan, stopped Delmine, beat Henri Hecquart, Gilbert Ussin and Cliff Curvis. In the last named, Thomas successfully defended his welter title.



Dave Sands, Australian middleweight contender for the middleweight bauble.

Lester Felton of Detroit, whose victory over Ike Williams started him on the road to fame, failed to retain the prestige he gained when he was held to a draw by Tommy Campbell and later lost to Hairston. He beat Campbell in a return bout and also won over Jean Walzack, Bobby Dykes, Tuzo Portugese, Al Mobley and Otis Graham. He is rated sixth.

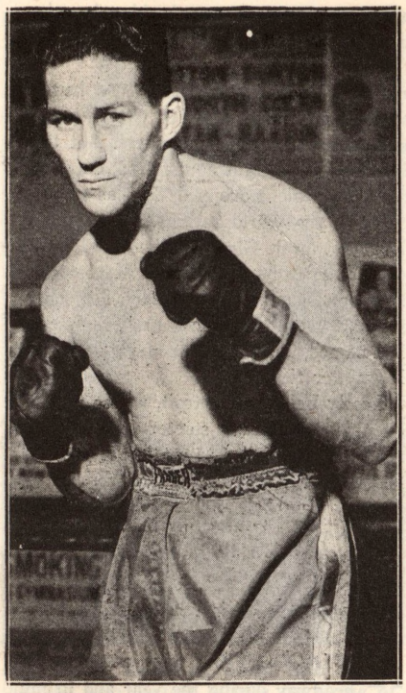
A YOUNGSTER who made great headway during the year and in my opinion came close to winning the laurels as the lad who made the greatest progress in 1950, was Johnny Saxton. This young Harlemite in ten bouts against good competition, scored seven decisions and three knockouts. He won his seventeenth bout in a row when he beat Tony Pellone. He scored excellent wins over Charles Salas and Joe Miceli. He rates under Felton.

Another Australian gets into the world ranking, with Mickey Tollis, welter champion from Down Under, our eighth choice. In December of last year he suffered defeat at the hands of Kev Delaney in a championship bout in which he was stopped in eleven rounds, But on September 1, 1950, he turned the tables, stopping Delaney in the twelfth. He also whipped Andre Famechon of France, halting him in the seventh and won from Charley Williams of Newark, in the twelfth, a pretty good fighter.

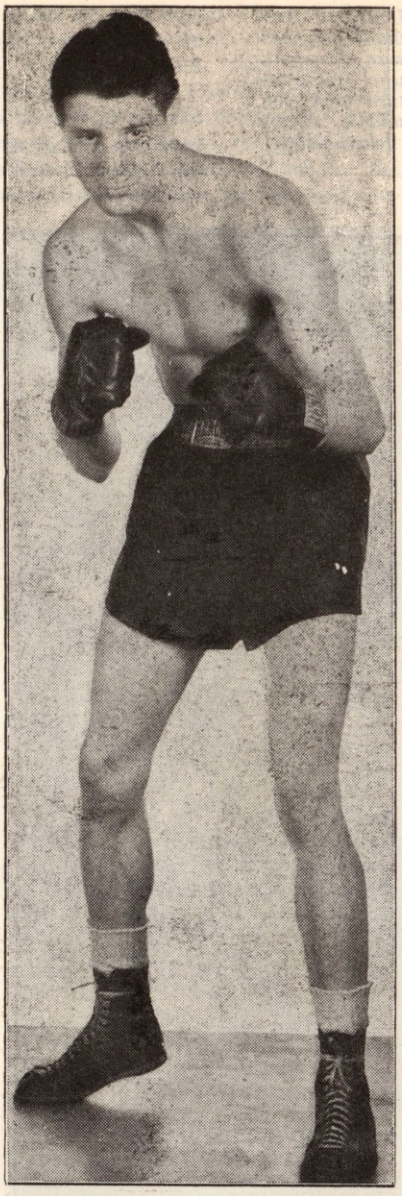
Charley Cotton and Joe Miceli wind up the first ten. Charley, in nine fights, lost only to Ron Delaney twice, and to George Costner.

Miceli in ten fights, lost to Sax-

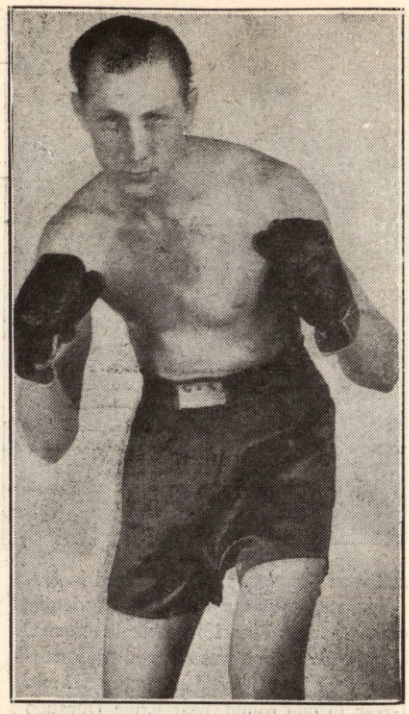
Another middleweight who is putting in a strong bid for a crack at the middleweight crown is England's Randolph Turpin.



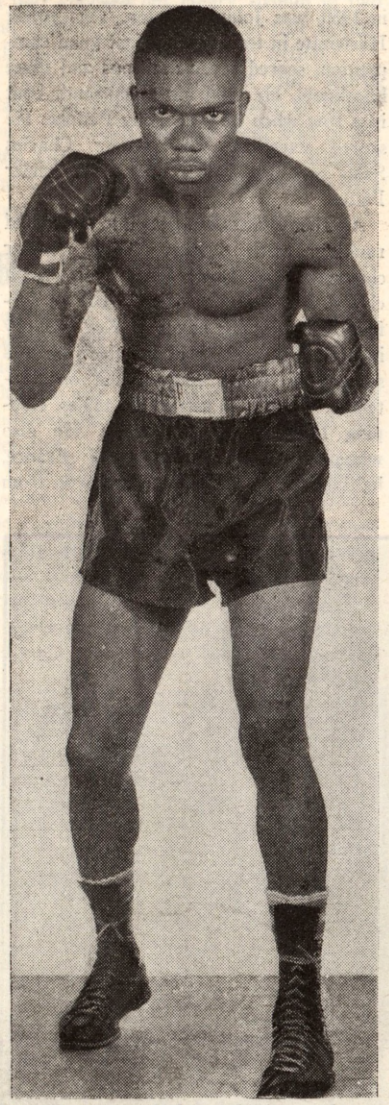
Harry Matthews, Seattle, Washington high ranking light-heavyweight.



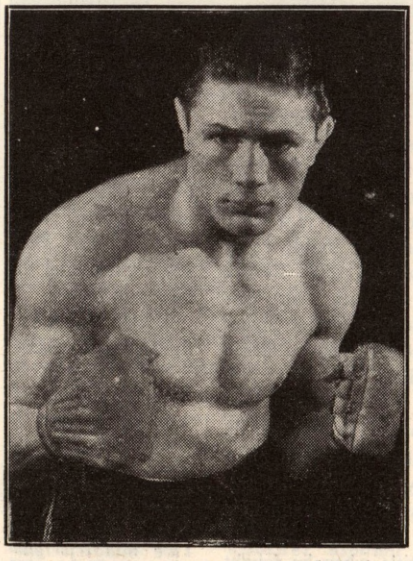
A welterweight from New York City, Billy Graham, an important cog in the welterweight picture.



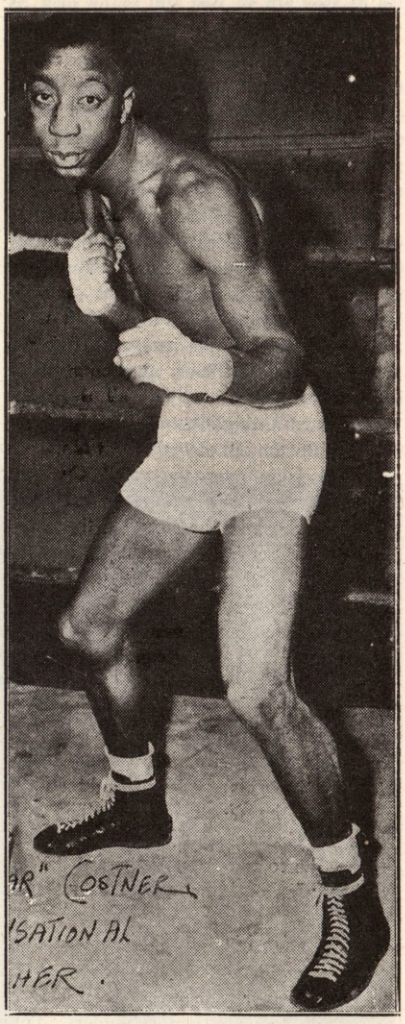
Charley Fusari, Irvington, New Jersey welterweight, who is a top contender.



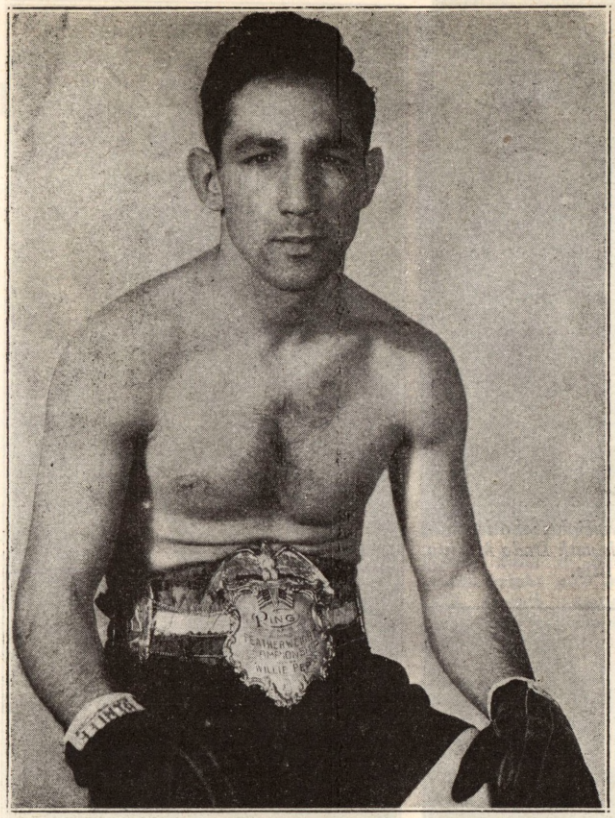
Fred Dawson, a lightweight from Chicago, one of the world's best.



France's leading featherweight challenger, Ray Famechon.



George Costner, welterweight contender from Camden, New Jersey, who though kayoed by Ray Robinson, rates best among the welters. He is temporarily retired.



Willie Pep, one of the all-time great featherweights, who will shortly get his chance to regain the title.

ton and Ike Williams and drew with Charley Salas.

The welterweight division is the first to have two groups of numerically rated fighters. The first ten constitute the outstanding pugilists. The second, top drawing cards whose record is too far below that of the leading figures to merit being placed in the same section, yet too good for ordinary classification. That group is headed by Jesse Flores of San Francisco and includes Charley Salas, Bobby Dykes of San Antonio, Texas, Charles Humezt of France, Ralph Zannelli of Providence, Nick Moran of Mexico, Gene Burton of New York and Frankie Fernandez of Honolulu.

IKE WILLIAMS, like Joe Louis, has seen his better days. The Trenton champion found the going pretty tough in 1950 because of his eagerness to prove that he was as good a welter as he was a lightweight. Ike took on tough assignments in an effort to become the Number One challenger for Ray Robinson's crown and as a result, he took three beatings out of nine fights. As a lightweight he still stands out as the best, but each of his bouts during the year were in the welter class.

Although the National Boxing Commission at its annual conventions lays down rules regarding title defenses, not once was Williams forced to put his crown on the line. Nor was he ever suspended for ignoring the six months rule. What good are rules that are not enforced?

Williams dropped verdicts to George Costner, Charley Salas and Joe Miceli, but reversed two of the defeats when he beat the last named and Salas in return bouts. He knocked out Johnny Bratton and Sonny Boy West, and won from John L. Davis and Lester Felton in addition to the Miceli and Salas victories.

Davis came along like a house afire in the home stretch when he beat Carlos Chavez, Art Aragon, and Freddie Dawson and knocked out Bernard Docusen—all highly rated fighters. His only setbacks were at the hands of Williams and Harold Jones, but Jones has done little of merit since. Davis clearly rates top contender.

Behind Davis comes Freddie Dawson of Chicago who, had he not had the decision given against him in the Davis bout, a disputed verdict, would have been ranked the top man. Dawson did an excellent job in Australia where he stopped Jack Hassen in seven rounds, Norm Gent in five and Jean Mougin in six. He beat Charley Williams twice, once in Newark in ten and again in Melbourne in twelve rounds. He also whipped Irvin Steen in twelve and Charley Salas in ten and stopped Tommy Bell in nine.

THE lightweight division is the toughest of all in which to rate the top men because after the first two contenders, the field is a pretty close one. Almost every fighter of note in the class has beaten some top man during the past twelve months.

Let's take the case of Luther Rawlings of Chicago, rated 13th. Young Luther holds a ten-round victory over the third rated

Manuel Ortiz, another former champ who will attempt to regain the crown. Ortiz will meet Vic Toweel in Johannesburg for the bantam title.

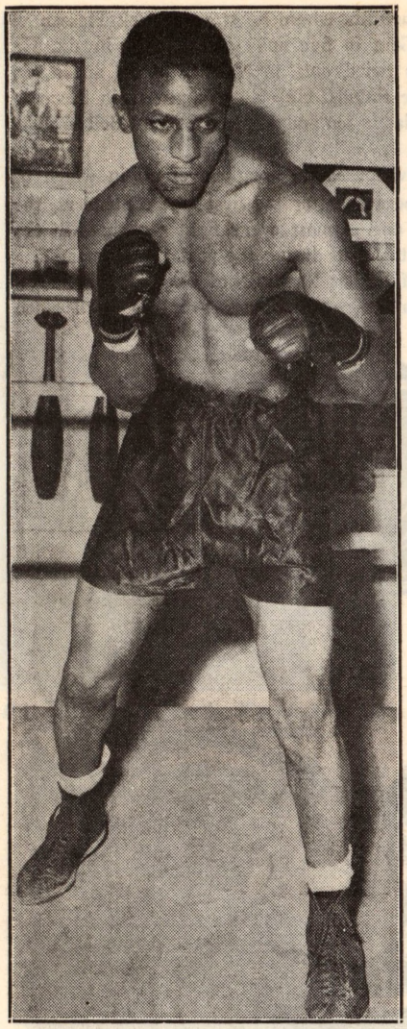
lightweight Tommy Campbell. Unfortunately, however, the Windy City youth, though an excellent fighter, has been too inactive to be ranked better.

Campbell, though he lost a number of contests, faced tough opposition, most of his opponents being top ranking welters such as Gene Burton and Lester Felton. Tommy knocked out Burton in two rounds, whereas it took Rocky Graziano, former middleweight king, with much weight advantage, seven rounds to turn the trick. This gives an indication of the punching ability of Campbell.

Campbell is our Number Three contender, with James Carter of New York next. Carter looks like the best man in the division, but suffers due to inactivity—no fault of his.

Here's another case, that of Johnny Gonsalves of Oakland, California. He is known on the Pacific Coast as a brilliant boxer, a fighter good enough to beat Campbell, Harold Jones and George Dunn. Johnny has been fighting a little more than two years during which he has lost only one fight, to the former lightweight champion, Beau Jack.

Gonsalves then was too inexperienced to cope with the tough tactics of Jack. The story of Gonsalves is similar to that of Bob Murphy, who was brought into prominence by his light-heavy-



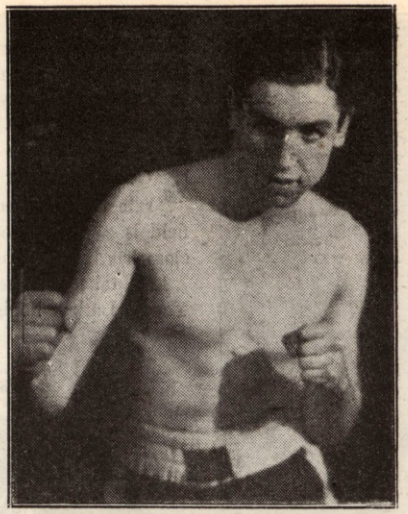
Charley Riley, two-fisted featherweight hitter from St. Louis, Missouri.

weight ranking in THE RING before anyone had heard of him outside of California. We went out on the limb for Murphy and the same holds good in Gonsalves' case and that of Rex Layne and of Bob Baker.

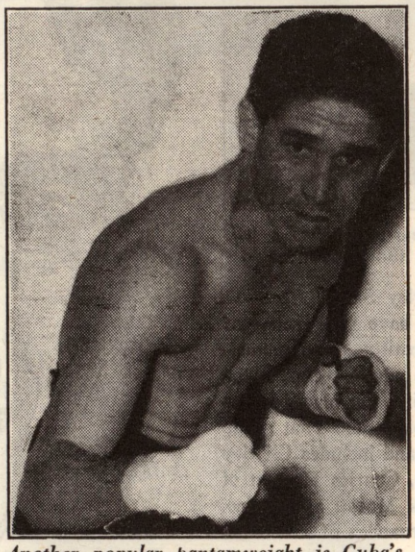
WASHINGTON, D. C., gets into the fistic sportlight through Sonny Boy West, who is our sixth man by virtue of his victories over Harold Jones, Sammy Angott, Charley Salas and Eddie Giosa. He also beat Ralph Zannelli, a veteran who is back in the spotlight. West has been forced to fight welters because the boys in his own division steer away from him.

California fighters are the outstanding ones in this division. Art Aragon, hard-hitting Los Angeles lad, has played a prominent part in keeping his state in the limelight. He is ranked seventh. He won from Mario Trigo, stopped Enrique Bolanos twice, in twelve and three rounds; stopped Tommy Campbell, though that contest received considerable adverse criticism in California papers; lost in ten to John L. Davis and knocked out Guillermo Giminez in two and Archie Whitewater in the same number of rounds.

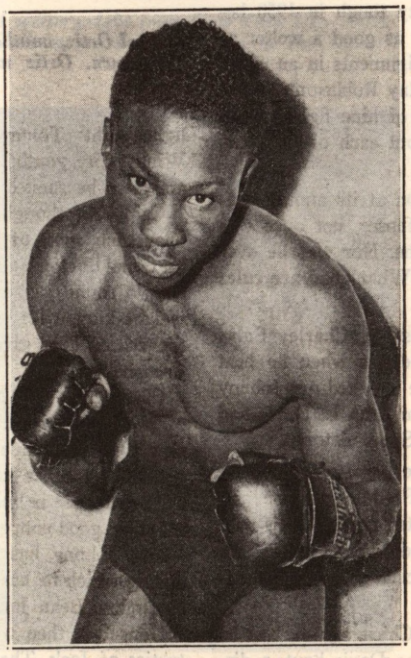
Another Californian gave Art a close shave for the seventh position. He is Eddie



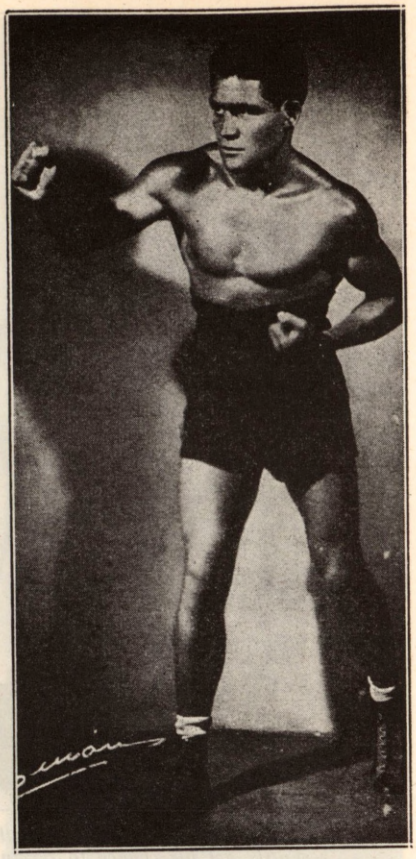
Terry Allen, English flyweight, who is waiting for his return match with Dado Marino for the title.



Another popular bantamweight is Cuba's Luis Galvani.



John L. Davis, Oakland, California, lightweight contender.



Luis Romero, Spanish bantam, who rates with the best in his division.

Chavez, whose record is equally as good as that of Aragon but the boys Art fought were of a little better caliber. Chavez in 25 fights won all. He defeated Harold Dade, by knockout and decision; whipped Maxie Docusen and knocked out Johnny Williams, a lightweight who holds a victory over Freddie Dawson.

RUDY CRUZ, of Los Angeles, adds to the Golden State's prestige by being named next to Chavez. His victory over Arthur King, British Empire lightweight king, earned him the place. Though he was stopped by Archie Whitewater in nine rounds he came back to beat Archie in a return mill.

A foreigner, Roberto Proietti, European lightweight king, is our next choice, though his record of four victories is not impressive as the bouts were with talent far below the caliber of the Americans. Another foreigner, Jose Gatica of Argentina, follows.

Next to the South American, we name King, who had he not lost to Cruz on November 27, would have been in a much higher position.

Rawlings trails Arthur, with Del Flanagan of Minneapolis, victor over Sandy Saddler, 14th. Then to complete the numerically rated section, come Joe Lopez, of Sacramento; Enrique Bolanos of Los Angeles; Mario Trigo of Mexico; Archie Whitewater of San Francisco; Harold Jones of Detroit; Joe Brown of New Or-

leans, and Georgie Dunn of Hartford. An excellent crop of fighters.

IN the featherweight class, the names of the champion and leading challenger are in the reverse order of last year's ratings, with Sandy Saddler on top and Willie Pep as chief contender for his crown. Each has a fine record but the defeat of Pep in his title go with Sandy, cost Willie top honors. That defeat was only the third Pep had suffered in his entire career.

Saddler engaged in fifteen bouts in 1950 and Pep in ten, for a grand total of 156 bouts since he became a pro. Saddler scored ten knockouts, including that over Pep, who was halted because of an injured shoulder in the eighth round. In Sandy's last bout, an overweight match, he lost to Del Flanagan. Pep defended his title last March against Ray Famechon, whom he whipped in fifteen rounds and put his crown on the line a second time when he faced Saddler.

The Frenchman, one of a number of foreigners to get into high ranking posts though he lost a fifteen-round battle with Willie Pep in New York in which the world title was at stake, came through with three good victories following. In one he kayoed the Spanish featherweight king, Luis de Santiago, in three rounds and in another, he whipped the Mid-West's best battler in the division, Charley Riley. Famechon is our second choice in the ranking of the contenders.

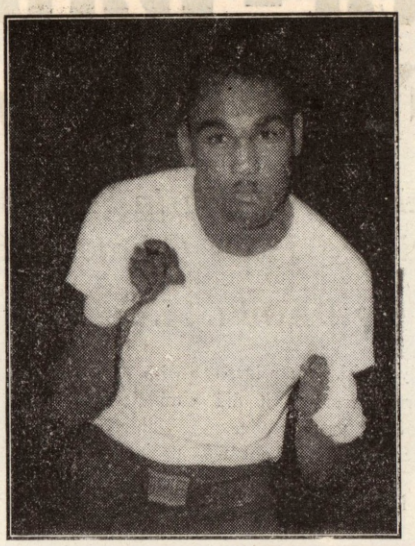
Then follows Riley, who engaged in eight contests and lost three, but who faced the best boys in his division and gave a splendid performance in each bout. He was halted by Pep in five rounds and lost to Famechon and Saddler, the world king. But he whipped Humberto Sierra, the best in the South; Glen Flanagan, a rated boxer in the lightweight division; Ernesto Aguilar and Leo LeBrun.

A YOUNGSTER from Philadelphia, who cut quite a figure in featherweight boxing in 1950, is Percy Bassett, our fourth listed boy. Percy's record shows a clean slate of nine triumphs. He halted Eduardo Carrasco, a tough hombre from Peru; Jesus Compos, Mario Pacheco, Miguel Acevedo and Miguel Mendivil, the last two from Cuba, and Terry Young. He also beat Proctor Heinold twice. Eddie Giosa and Orlando Zulueta of Havana.

Three foreigners hold down the next places, fifth, sixth and seventh, respectively. They are Luis de Santiago of Spain, Ronnie Clayton of Blackpool, Eng., and Al Phillips of Aldgate, Eng. Although Santiago was knocked out by Famechon and drew with Ronnie Clayton and Francis Bonnardel of Madrid, he has the best record among the trio. He engaged in eleven bouts and won from Gino Bondavelli, Tom Bailey, Jean Machterlinck, Ray Fitton, Sigi Tennenbaum and stopped Morty Kelleher, Passolli and Antonio Marti, the last named to retain the Spanish title.

Clayton, the British Empire champion, lost to Phillips, won on a foul from Jackie Hughes and beat Jim McCann besides fighting the draw with Santiago. Phillips had two fights. He won from Clayton and Tom Bailey.

Jackie Graves of Austin, Minn., made a comeback in 1950 after being knocked out



Jimmy Beau of New Canaan, Conn., a middleweight who made great strides in 1950, though compelled to fight light-heavyweights.

in his first fight by Ernesto Aguilar in nine rounds. He followed with a victory over Pat Iacobucci, then knocked out in order Elis Ask of Finland, Jackie Blair, Tony Olivas, Lenny Alvarez and his best performance was the kayo of Miguel Acevedo in a round. He is eighth ranking feather.

The windup of the first ten finds Rocky McKay of Panama, a hard-hitting youngster, a newcomer to the pro ranks, in ninth place and Ciro Morasen of Cuba next.

Henry Davis, long a rated boxer, rates eleventh. The Hawaiian, now operating in the States, was licked by Archie Whitewater in October, but since Whitewater is a rated lightweight, the defeat doesn't count too much against Davis. But his opponents in 1950 were ordinary, hence his drop. Guido Ferracin of Italy and Jim Kenny of Scotland wind up Group One.

AS we come to the two lower divisions, the bantams and flyweights, we again find ourselves dealing mostly with foreigners. Only a few Americans are listed among the outstanding boxers. Vic Toweel of South Africa tops the bantams as king of the division, and Dado Marino of Hawaii, the flyweights.

Luis Romero heads the bantam contenders and Jean Sneyers of Belgium, the flyweights.

Three boys from this side of the Big Pond are listed below the Spanish and European bantam king. Manuel Ortiz, who recently lost his title to Toweel remains the outstanding American challenger, with Luis Galvani of Cuba and Luis Castillo, Mexico, following in that order.

Romero, though stopped in five rounds by Roy Ankarah, has an excellent record. He drew with Ray Fitton and lost to Georges Mousse, now a featherweight. The Spaniard knocked out Danny Sullivan in thirteen rounds in a European title bout and won in fifteen from Marcel Mathieu for the European crown. He faced good opposition throughout the year.

Ortiz' close fight with Toweel was his best. He lost in fifteen rounds, dropping the crown, and won in ten from Harold Dade and Jackie McCoy.

Galvani, in seven fights, won all but one, to Archie Devino, a close tussle. Australia gets another of its fighters into the ranking ten with Elley Bennett, its champion, rated fifth. Bennett, in five bouts, scored as many knockouts. Twice he stopped Chai Sitpho' and Vic Eisen.

Peter Keenan of Glasgow, former flyweight, is next in line. Peter is one of the best in his division overseas. He stopped Dickie O'Sullivan and beat Jean Sneyers, Maurice Sandeyron, Vic Herman and Eddie Bunty. Following Keenan comes Tommy Proffitt of Ashton, England. He is another with an excellent record among the youngsters. In nine bouts he scored seven knockouts, won on a foul from Bobby Boland and won in ten from Tino Cardinale. Among his victims was a two-round kayo of the Canadian champ, Fernando Gagnon.

Marcel Mathieu of France, Hadi Tijani of Tunis, Alvaro Nuvoloni of Italy, Gianni Zuddas and Fernando Gagnon of Montreal, follow in that order. Gagnon engaged top men most of the year, but the Canadian titleholder unfortunately lost too many fights to be placed higher than twelfth. He lost in fifteen rounds to Vic Toweel, the champion, and was stopped by Proffitt in two rounds. He also lost to Bobby Boland.

THE flyweight class is dominated wholly by foreigners as the leading contenders, with Jean Sneyers, the Belgian, heading the list of challengers and Dado Marino, the world champion. Dado beat Terry Allen for the crown on August 1, the Hawaiian's first contest of the year, and since then he has become active again. He stopped Tim Ramos in Guam in four and Bobby Garza in Honolulu in seven and won from Al Chavez.

Jean Sneyers of Belgium is our Number One contender because of his victory in a European title match over Terry Allen, next in line. Allen is a good little fighter and gave Marino a tough battle before losing the crown. Allen whipped Peter Fay, won the vacant flyweight crown by gaining the decision over Honore Pratesi in fifteen, then lost the championship to Marino and lost a fifteen-round verdict to Jean Sneyers for the European crown.

Louis Skena of France, who recently won the French flyweight title by beating Pratesi, is our third rated flyweight, with Vic Herman of Glasgow following. Vic drew with Pratesi, beat Tino Cardinale and Norman Tennant, knocked out Norman Lewis and won from Eddie McCormick and Jacques Luni, but lost to Keenan and Skena.

Next to Herman comes Honore Pratesi.

One of the best comebacks of the year was that of Stumpy Butwell, who after a long retirement of two and a half years won the Australian championship by stopping Mickey Hill in four rounds. He is rated sixth. Teddy Gardner is seventh, with Black Pico of Havana eighth, Maurice Sandeyron of France ninth, and Bob Scrivano of Tunis our tenth man. Scrivano has been campaigning in Australia, where he won three of his four fights.

Pico, who went to London, stopped Stan Almond and Norman Tennant there and won from Bobby Boland. In this country he beat Jorge Sanchez, but lost to Jimmy Cooper and Leo LeBrun, bantams.

LaMotta-Dauthuille Cited Fight *of the* Year

Jake's Electrifying Knockout Triumph in Final 30 Seconds of 15-Rounder Produced 1950's Greatest Round

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

ALTHOUGH 1950 was not a particularly exciting year in so far as glittering single combats were concerned, it did produce one of the most thrilling battles of the past decade.

This was the fifteen round struggle for the middleweight championship of the world, in which Jake LaMotta, the saturnine slugger from New York, knocked out Laurent Dauthuille, of France, at Detroit on the night of September 13.

The 15 rounder in which Ezzard Charles clinched his right to the heavyweight championship of the world, in Yankee Stadium, by giving Joe Louis a thorough and convincing shellacking, was the most important contest of 1950.

But the LaMotta-Dauthuille affair receives THE RING Magazine's label of the Fight of the Year. And the fifteenth session, in which a couple of deadly left hooks to the body did for Dauthuille, was the Round of the Year. For neither designation was there really a close second.

The Charles triumph over Louis was a workmanlike job. Ezzard piled up point after point, as the faded Joe took the trouncing of his career.

But at no time did this engagement achieve a really exciting pitch. It was a picture of disintegration of a fighter who once had been rated the greatest of all time.

The contest in which Willie Pep had to concede the featherweight title to Sandy Saddler, because of a dislocated shoulder, was thrilling in spots. Especially when Pep, allegedly helpless, had to bow out, and Saddler again was the champion.

But at no time did this fight approach the drama of the LaMotta triumph over Laurent.

Lee Savold's victory over Bruce Woodcock, Rex Layne's upset triumph over Jersey Joe Walcott, and Vic Towell's success against Manuel Ortiz all had elements of grand theatre.

But, after all the other scraps had been analyzed, LaMotta's high-lighted achievement stood out with intaglio clarity.

LET it be emphasized again that the Fight of the Year 1950 was for a championship of the world, and that it was an international affair.

Dauthuille entered the ring not without backing. Jake was a strong favorite. But Laurent was supported by a lot of the so called wise money. "Jake is ageing," it was said.

I saw that fight that rainy Wednesday night in Detroit's Olympia. Nat Fleischer and I sat together at the ringside, and with only thirty seconds to go, felt that we just had seen the middleweight title change hands.

Thirty seconds left, in a fifteen round fight which had warmed up into one of the greatest middleweight title struggles in more than a decade.

Thirty seconds left, and the score cards of Referee Lou Handler, and Judges Joe Linehan and Jack Asprey, showed that, barring a knockout, Laurent had emulated Marcel Cerdan, and gained the championship.

Into those last thirty seconds was packed some of the most exciting action Fleischer and I have watched in all the years we have been seeing fights.

LaMotta had been waging a cagey battle against Dauthuille, whom he had met before.

Jake had tried his famous stalling act on the Frenchman, but had failed to get away with it.

Dauthuille, younger, stronger, fired with ambition, kept fighting and piling up the points.

Then, the last thirteen seconds. Almost in the blinking of an eye, the fight took a different slant!

LaMotta, apparently beaten, suddenly came to life. He lashed out with a terrific left to the body, into which he crammed everything he had in reserve. Almost everything, but not quite.

Lefts and rights, and amazement written all over the face of Dauthuille. Lefts and lefts, and then another ripping left to the body.

THE Frenchman went down. He had been ripped into a corner, and there he had dropped. At the count of ten Laurent was on one knee. He had been knocked out.

Thirteen seconds to go, and LaMotta, hitherto the beaten, now was the conqueror, still the middleweight champion of the world!

Had Dauthuille been able to rise to his feet before the count of ten, and been able to stall through, he would have become the new titleholder despite the tough handling he got in the last thirty seconds.

But Dauthuille could not arise. He could not give himself the chance to stall.

Around the ring, the wise men shook their heads, and said, "If the Frenchman had had better handling, if he had loafed through the last round, he would have become champion."

Dauthuille's French second lost his head as the last round started and kept urging his man to cut loose, and fight.

It developed that he had labored *(Continued on page 50)*

LaMotta-Dauthuille Fifteenth Tabbed Round of the Year

FAR in the lead, Dauthuille came out for the fifteenth round prepared to clinch the victory and gain the world title. But a barrage got under way that upset the applecart. The fighters moved into LaMotta's corner. A left and right crashed against LaMotta's jaw.

Jake shot a left to the face. Dauthuille sent a straight left to the face. Two more landed on Jake's jaw and he was jarred. A right hook added to Laurent's points.

LaMotta fired a left to the jaw and a right under the heart. Dauthuille came back with a flurry of blows. A left to the jaw, four straight lefts to the face, a right hook to the body followed by a right to the jaw had the crowd in an uproar.

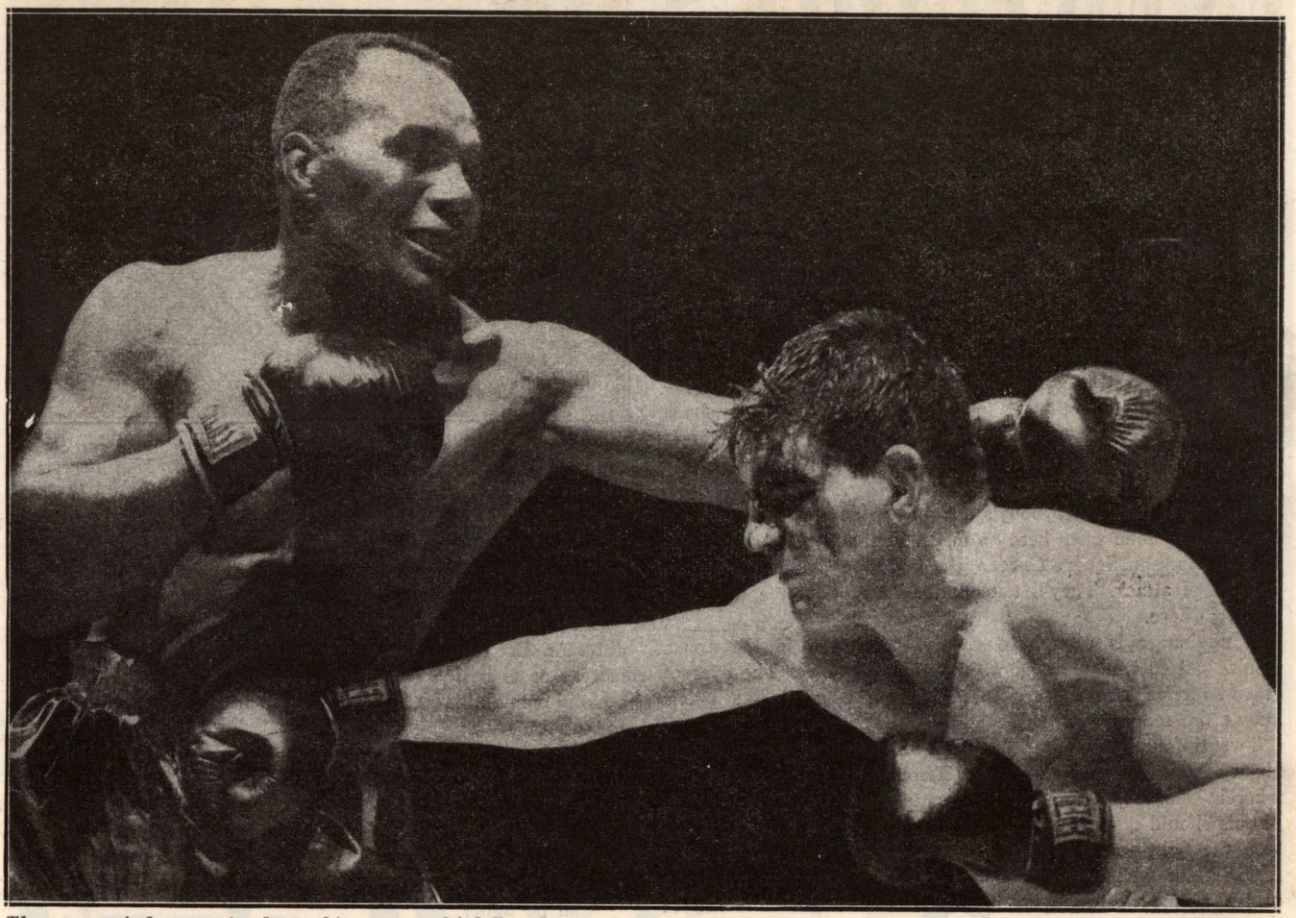
Then like a flash came the turn of the tide. A sudden and savage attack had Dauthuille on the defensive. Jake uncorked a powerful left and a jolting right cross to the jaw that made the Frenchman's knees sag. Dauthuille couldn't take it. The blows hurt. The effect was clearly visible. He dropped his hands and moved alongside the ropes towards the center and stopped short directly in front of the knockdown timer. He staggered as Jake unloosed another right to the jaw.

A volley of rights and lefts quickly followed. Jake was in for the kill. The Frenchman was bewildered as he tried to stave off the attack.

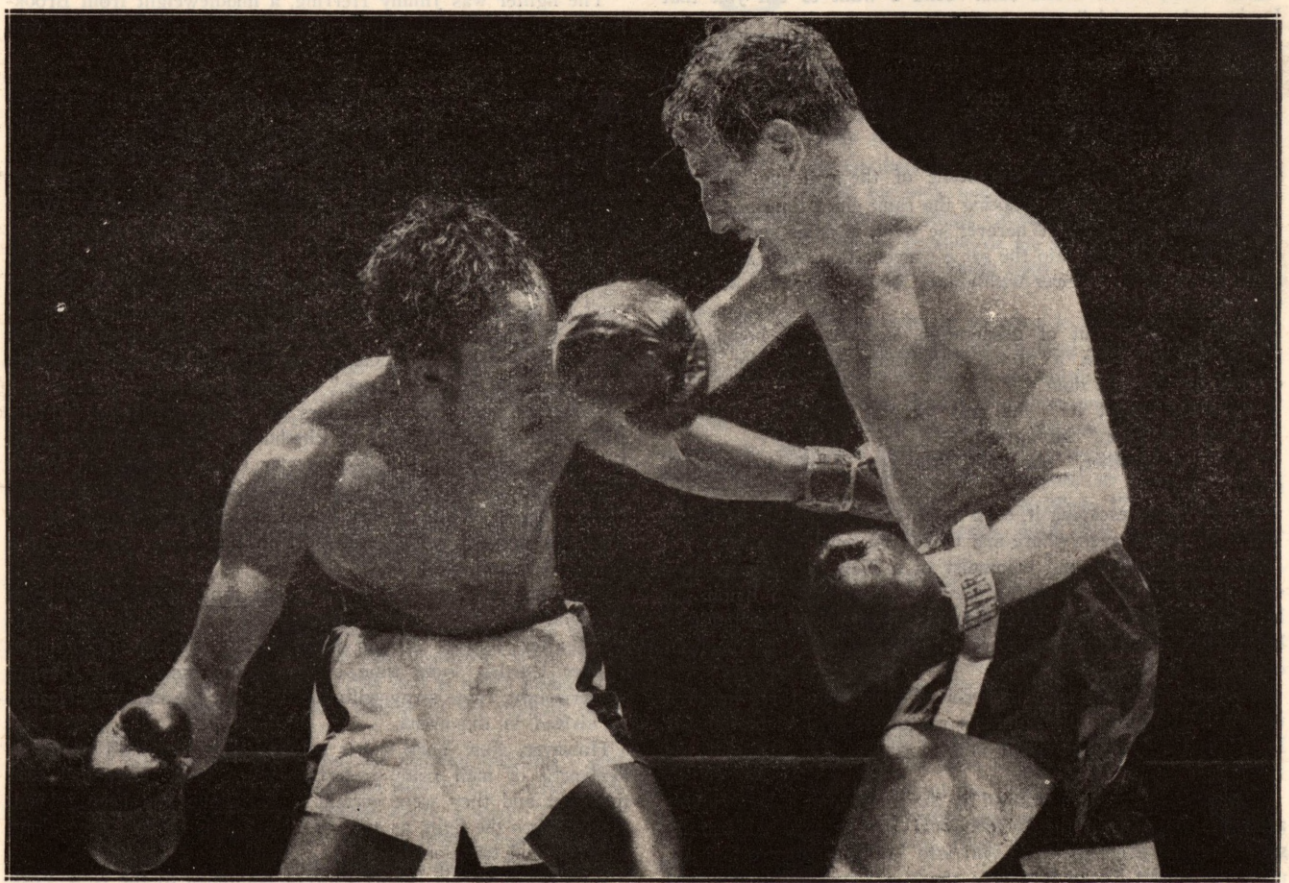
Jake shifted to a head attack. Then came a hard right to the jaw and a left hook to the body.

The gallant Frenchman went sprawling across the lower strand and then keeled over on his back. He was on one knee when the fatal ten had been completed. A second later he got to his feet, dazed, but the fight was over. Only a few seconds separated him from becoming the new world middleweight champion.

BODY BLOWS WIN GARDEN BOUTS



The upset of the year in the making as youthful Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah, heavyweight, lands one of many punishing blows to the mid-section in the ninth round of his bout with the once cagey Jersey Joe Walcott, Layne, a prohibitive underdog, won a unanimous decision.



Kid Gavilan, Cuban welterweight, takes a right to the head from Billy Graham as he sets himself to slash in with his famed bolo punch which won for him a split ten-round decision and a No. 1 rating.

EVERYBODY'S A FIGHT FAN NOW

By BARNEY NAGLER

IN nights past, before the advent of the First Decade of Television, when the "sticks" stuck out all over the map, the tune-up bout was just that. A fighter intent on getting into shape for a big bout ahead went into the hinterlands to fight lesser characters. It was an accepted practice of the trade. It was spring training in the slug league.

All that is past. Everybody's a fight fan now. And there's no fooling the public from here on in. In Podunk or Peoria, Cleveland or Madison Square Garden, the fans want quality of action, ferocity of attack. They'll take nothing less. And the fight fan is everywhere.

It no longer is enough to satisfy the viewer in the arena. You've got to win approval of the video at home. The eyes of video-America is on every televised ring contest. The public knows the score.

Twenty-four hours after Joe Louis had flubbed one knockout chance after another against Cesar Brion in the Chicago Stadium, wherein about 8,000 viewed the fracas, many millions insisted, "Louis should quit. He hasn't got it anymore." All of them had seen the fight—on television, of course.

One fight writer of established standing was accosted by a pretty airline hostess who insisted, "You've got influence in boxing. Why don't you make Joe Louis stop fighting?"

"You saw the fight, of course?" the fight writer asked.

"Sure did," the hostess said. "And I want to tell you that Louis made me sick."

"Did you ever see him before?"

"No, I could never pay the price of a ticket, but I knew all about him. Seeing him on television was terrible. He fumbled around. I couldn't stand it."

THE fight writer left the scene of the colloquy absorbed with the prospect of speaking the same lines time and again that day. He was right. Wherever he went, in cafes and business offices, he was drawn into the same conversation. And always he learned that the viewer-with-alarm had watched Louis on television.

Finally, almost out of desperation, he returned home. His kitchen-trapped wife, a pretty little thing, kissed him as he entered by the side door.

"Terrible, wasn't it?" she said by way of verbal greeting.

"Tough weather," he agreed.

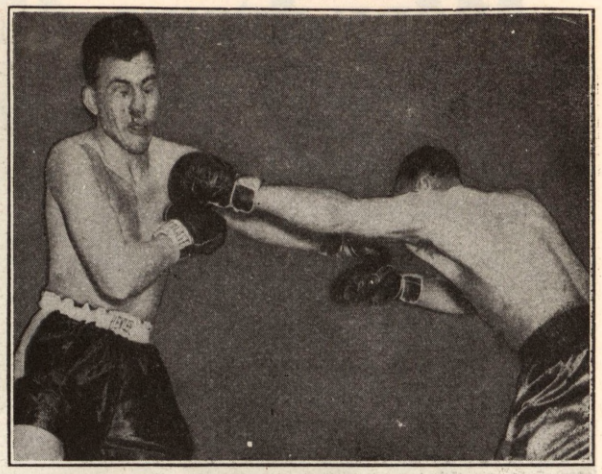
"Not the weather," she said, "the way Louis looked. He should quit."

There was no escaping it, even in the kitchen of his own home. The fight fan is everywhere and there's no sense ducking.

The sports editor and columnist of a New York newspaper came to his office the morning after Louis' fight with Brion. He had a dozen phone calls from friends, all of whom insisted that he exert influence on Louis to retire. They had all seen the fight on television.

Twenty-four hours later he received more than three hundred urgent letters from his column's customers. All clamored for Louis' retirement. Television had opened the burlap and the feline was out.

Louis surely has been trapped by the iconoscopic tube. Minutes after the Brion fight the International Boxing Club's hierarchy set in motion plans to bring him into Madison Square Garden, probably against Rocky Marciano, the Massachusetts heavyweight with the unscathed record. Louis balked.



Joe Louis (right), won a ten round decision from Cesar Brion, Argentine heavyweight, at Chicago. Louis' left, seen here, was all that was left of the vast assortment of lethal blows that got the former champ the name of Bomber.

"I want to have a few more fights outside of New York," he explained by way of a demurrer. It was his way of saying he wanted to be "right" before fighting before a New York audience.

Louis was thinking in terms of the old days. Now things are different. Each time he steps into the ring in earnest combat a battery of television cameras is on hand. He can't avoid being seen by many millions. He had forgotten that everybody's a fight fan now.

A lady I know—yes, I said lady—has never seen a ring fight in the flesh. Yet she talked constantly of a "handsome fighter that's very good."

"What's his name?" she was asked.

"I don't know," she said. "All I know is I saw him on television from Ridgewood Grove. He sure is handsome."

"Can he fight?"

"Who knows?" she answered rhetorically. "He's got the nicest blond hair."

The fighter was Jimmy Herring, a middleweight from Brooklyn. He's undistinguished as a fighter, but television has won him many fans. He's videogenic.

ANOTHER friend— I have more than one, possibly three— asked for an opinion on the outcome of Ray Famechon's bout with Archie Devino in Madison Square Garden December 1.

"Famechon can't miss," I experted, modestly, of course.

"Wrong," he said. "I saw Famechon get whipped by Willie Pep, on television."

"Did you ever see Devino?"

"No, he never was on television from the Garden. But he can't be as bad as Famechon. Listen, I saw Famechon myself."

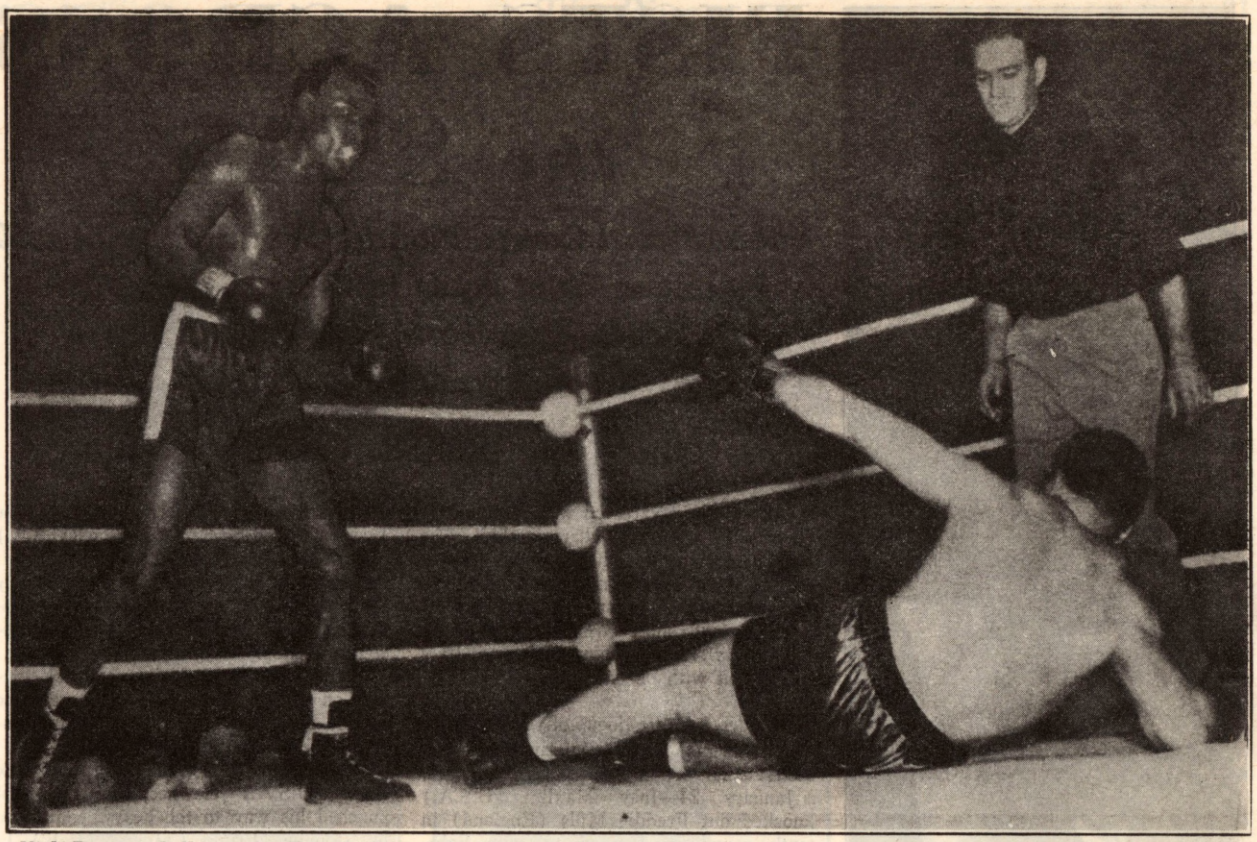
The result: Famechon stopped Devino in the seventh round. My friend was dejected. "Guess you can't tell anything from seeing a guy on television once," he conceded.

Television also works wonders in behalf of lesser fighters. Bill Bossio, a squat kid out of Pittsburgh, was an unknown until he began fighting at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, New York. After several showings on the video show coming out of White Plains Bossio was as well known as the sponsor's product, which was beer in this case. He now is a leading bantamweight.

The number of television fight fans can't be set down, even in round figures, but a fair approximation of quantity was indicated after Johnny Saxton fought Tony Pellone in Madison Square Garden some time back. Saxton, undefeated Harlem welterweight, came away with the decision. He had won clearly, as viewed in the arena.

However, New York sports columnists were buried under an avalanche of mail from protesting video fans. They had seen the fight and they were certain that Pellone had been jobbed. He had won the fight, as sure as television is here to stay, along with sin and taxation.

As a result of this Jimmy Powers, columnist of the New York *Daily News* and National Broadcasting *(Continued on page 40)*



Nick Barone, challenger for Ezzard Charles' world crown, drops to the canvas from a series of vicious head and body blows in the eleventh round of their Cincinnati bout. A right to the jaw was the final blow.

Ezz's Prestige Grows

By NAT FLEISCHER

EZZARD CHARLES added to his prestige when he knocked out Nick Barone of Buffalo in the eleventh round of their world heavyweight championship bout in the Cincinnati Gardens, Cincinnati, O. It was Charles' first appearance as a champion in his home town and he convinced the home folk as well as several thousand out-of-town visitors that he is a real champion. No longer can those who have mocked his skill as a successor to the great Joe Louis look upon him as a synthetic title holder. By his splendid all-around performance against a tough hombre, a former Marine who kept pressing the title holder and kept tossing punches at short range until his stamina was at low ebb, Ezzard earned the plaudits of 10,085 paying spectators who brought to the coffers of Promoter Sam Becker a gross gate of $53,334.

Charles, though facing a light-heavyweight, displayed a brand of milling that was far superior to anything he had previously put on exhibition since he fought Joe Walcott for the N.B.A. crown. As one veteran scribe put it, "He had everything tonight."

And he did.

He jabbed, hooked, uppercut, side-stepped, waded in when hard pressed with a two-fisted attack to the body and didn't waver under the counterattacks of his opponent. What more could one ask? He proved to me that he's a much underrated fighter, as Nick Barone said while sitting on the rubbing table after the fight.

"He isn't given proper credit for his fighting qualities," said Nick when asked whether Charles hurt him in any round prior to the knockout. "His straight punches carry a sting. They jar your head. They set you back. In several rounds, especially the second, I thought I had him. But just when things look bad for him he cuts loose with a variety of punches that turn the tide. He is a far better fighter than you writers credit him with being."

Barone spoke his piece and the scribes crowding around him nodded assent. They realized that Nick summarized what they had viewed in the Gardens ring.

Barone got credit for only one round, the seventh, by most of the scribes, though one judge called that even, as I did. All the rest went to Charles because of his superior boxing and his heavier hitting, but he had a tough fight.

EZZARD'S showing was far superior to that displayed in the fight with Louis in which he clinched world honors. That comparison, for those who viewed the battle with the erstwhile Brown Bomber on video, should give them an idea of how much Charles has improved. Were Louis instead of Barone pitted against the champion in Cincinnati, it is my opinion that Joe would have been halted ere the eleventh, so accurate, sharp and effective was Charles, who, scaling 185 to 178½ for Barone, went into battle a 1 to 6 favorite, with little money in sight for wagering.

It was the first time in Ezzard's career in fighting as a heavyweight that he came into the ring scaling more than his opponent. The weight of Barone was about on a par with that of Charles in most of his tough tilts with the heavyweights, hence no credit can be taken from Ezzard on the basis of fighting a light-heavyweight.

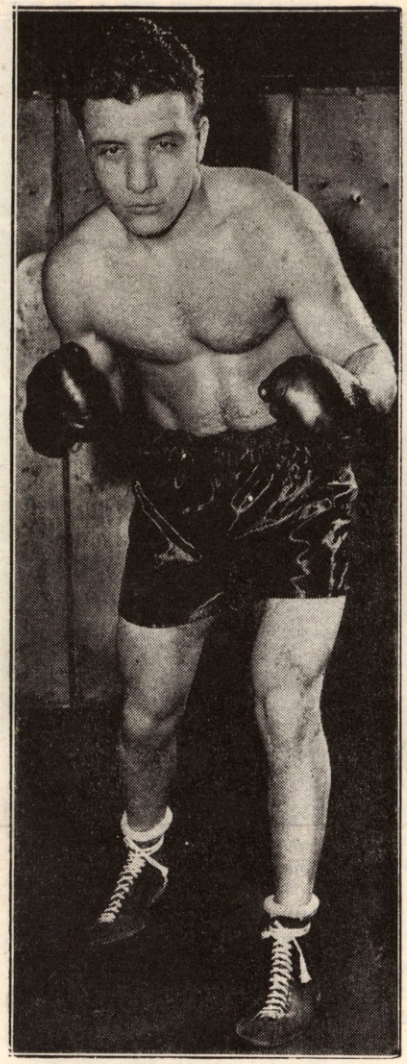
It was the first time that Barone had been knocked out, though he did lose once on what he calls a T.K.O. after an eye injury. Nick brought into the bout all the courage of a fighting Marine, the corps to which he belonged and with which he engaged in battle with the Japs at Iwo Jima. He carries a bayonet scar from that service.

Charles won like a real champion and if he can continue to display the brand shown against *(Continued on page 49)*

FISTS ACROSS *the* SEAS

International Competition for World Titles in 1950 Produced Eight Bouts for Busiest Year Since 1934—Americans Won Five of Six Starts Against Foreign Foes

By JERSEY JONES



Jake LaMotta did a good job during 1950 by turning back two European challengers for his middleweight title, Tiberio Mitri and Laurent Dauthuille.

WHAT it may have lacked in other distinguishing features, the year 1950 was unique in at least one respect. For world championship offerings with international settings, it was the most industrious annum the sock market had known since 1934.

No less than eight title promotions, embellished by the international "touch," were uncovered during the year. And they were fairly well distributed, too. New York, London and Johannesburg sponsored two each, with single presentations going to Honolulu and Detroit. Folks certainly do get around in this business.

Of the contending nationalities, Americans contributed six entries, England four, France three, South Africa two and Italy one. (One Yank, one Englishman and a South African did repeat performances in title matches during the twelve months.)

As usual, the United States dominated the scene. In six starts against foreign rivals in championship outings, Americans posted five wins. They successfully defended two titles, lost one, and regained two, winding up the year in possession of every world crown but the bantamweight.

South Africa, with the first world champion in its ring history, clouted a winning two-for-two in title matches with "outside" foes.

Britain didn't fare too well for itself in competition for world championships. The Britishers came up with only one victory against three defeats, and lost both of the titles they held at the start of the year.

France fell short with all three of its bids for world championships, and Italy missed out with its one effort.

IN order, here's a lineup of the year's developments in the international title scene:

January 24—Joey Maxim (U.S.A.) knocked out Freddie Mills (England) in tenth round in London to take light-heavyweight championship.

March 17—Willie Pep (U.S.A.) retained featherweight laurels by outpointing Ray Famechon (France) in fifteen rounds in New York.

April 25—Terry Allen (England) won over Honore Pratesi (France) in fifteen rounds in London for flyweight title vacated by Rinty Monaghan (Ireland).

May 31—Vic Toweel (South Africa) relieved Manuel Ortiz (U.S.A.) of bantamweight crown on fifteen-round decision in Johannesburg.

July 12—Jake LaMotta (U.S.A.) successfully defended middleweight championship by whipping Tiberio Mitri (Italy) in fifteen-rounder in New York.

August 1—Dado Marino (U.S.A.) became flyweight champion by winning over Terry Allen (England) in fifteen rounds in Honolulu.

September 13—Disposing of his second European challenger in two months, Middleweight Champion Jake LaMotta knocked out Laurent Dauthuille (France) with only thirteen seconds remaining in fifteen-rounder in Detroit.

December 2—Vic Toweel (South Africa) held on to his bantam laurels by stopping Danny O'Sullivan (England) in ten rounds in Johannesburg.

THOUGH not officially listed among championship bouts, it probably would be permissible to accord at least "honorable mention" to the meeting of American Lee Savold and English Bruce Woodcock in London, which the British Boxing Board of Control recognized at the time as for the disputed world heavyweight title. Savold's claim to the championship, following his four-round triumph, was subsequently voided by Joe Louis' return to the ring and his decisive fifteen-round defeat by Ezzard Charles in New York's Yankee Stadium.

By way of adding another slight touch to the international title scene, there was the decision posted by Ray Robinson (U.S.A.) over Robert Villemain (France) in a fifteen-rounder in Philadelphia endorsed by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission as for its version of the world middleweight championship.

Where world titles in international competition were concerned, 1950 was the busiest twelve-months' stretch the industry had known in sixteen years.

Topping the busy 1934 program, Max Baer (U.S.A.) clowned, wrestled and punched his way to the heavyweight title by stopping Primo Carnera (Italy) in the eleventh round of a weird affair in Madison Square Garden's Long Island Bowl.

In the same ring, Barney Ross (U.S.A.) and Jimmy McLarnin (Canada) passed the welterweight championship back and forth in two meetings.

Featherweight Freddie Miller (U.S.A.) and bantamweight Al Brown (Panama) did a bit of title-defending in Europe that year. Miller twice staked his 126-pound honors, first against Nel Tarleton (England) in Liverpool, then against Brown in Paris. Panama Al, in turn, whipped Young Perez (North Africa) in Paris.

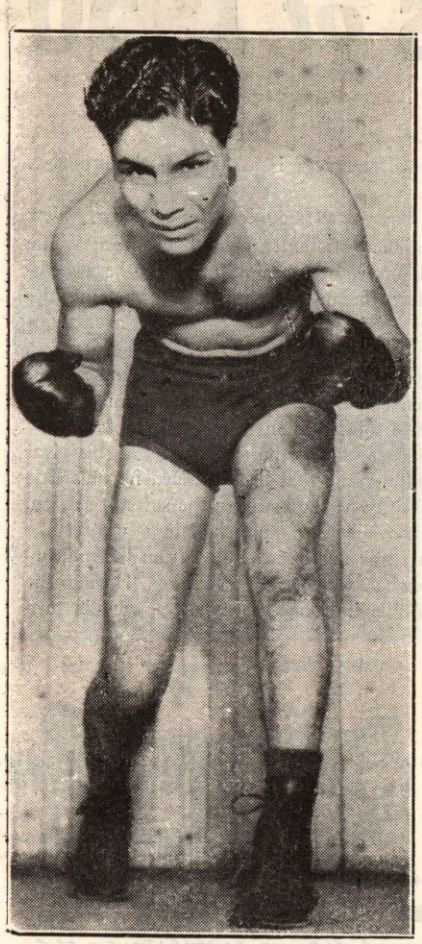
A dispute over the bantam championship during the year resulted in the National Boxing Association withdrawing its recognition of Brown and sanctioning an elimination tournament in Montreal to determine his successor. In the final round, Sixto Escobar (Puerto Rico) whipped Baby Casanova (Mexico). Then, in his first gamble with the title, also in Montreal, Escobar outfought Eugene Huat (France).

Rounding out the year's industrious activity, Jackie Brown (England) retained his flyweight laurels by drawing with a former title-holder, Valentin Anglemann (France) in Manchester.

ONE of the most historic years international competition for world titles has known was 1923. There were five matches staged that year—four of them in New York's Polo Grounds—and every one was loaded with thrills and drama.

There was, for instance, the audacity of that Singular Senegalese, Battling Siki, in daring to risk a world championship against an Irishman in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day—and particularly amid the rugged conditions prevailing in the Emerald Isle in those exciting days.

With the rabid rival political factions, the Black-and-Tans and the Sinn-Feiners, taking pot shots at one another, street



Manuel Ortiz, who travelled halfway 'round the world from California to South Africa to lose his bantam title to Vic Toweel.

brawls breaking out all over town, and an occasional bursting bomb helping to enliven the festive gaiety of the occasion, Dublin hardly was an ideal spot for a nice sociable boxing bout. But the irresponsible Siki, suspended in France, and sadly in need of a payday, agreed to tote his light-heavyweight title to the Irish capital and put it on the line for Mike McTigue to fire away at.

The result was not precisely a surprise. At the close of twenty rounds, McTigue was awarded the decision and the championship.

One of the shortest reigns in boxing was that of Eugene Criqui, war-scarred Frenchman, who fought twice in American rings in 1923, winning the featherweight title in his first start, and losing it in the second, seven weeks later.

Criqui's brilliant ring record in Europe and Australia, coupled with his dramatic war background, prompted Promoter Tom O'Rourke to import the Frenchman for a title match with the veteran Johnny Kilbane at the Polo Grounds.

The New York State Athletic Commission had recognized Johnny Dundee as Kilbane's logical challenger, and refused to approve the Kilbane-Criqui bout unless the contracts called for the winner to meet Dundee within sixty days. Both Kilbane and Criqui were agreeable.

What the Frenchman may have lacked in boxing finesse was more than balanced by aggressiveness, ruggedness and punching power. With all his defensive skill and ring generalship, the aging Kilbane, champion for more than eleven years, couldn't hold off the visitor and was knocked out in the sixth round.

DESPITE his promise to fight Dundee, it was generally expected that Criqui would hustle right back to Paris and cash in on his sensational performance, which has been something of a national triumph

Another long-distance traveler was Terry Allen, who went from England to Hawaii to have Dado Marino take his flyweight laurels.

in France. But a contract was a contract to Criqui, and he elected to remain in New York and fulfill his obligations to Dundee.

So, less than two months after polishing off Kilbane, Criqui stepped into the same Polo Grounds ring to face one of the most remarkable fighting machines the trade had ever produced. Dundee reached the peak of his career in that bout. His speed was bewildering, his boxing superb, his punching fast and accurate. Knocked down several times in the early rounds, Criqui fought gamely, desperately, but was outclassed and thoroughly beaten by the spectacular "Scotch-Wop."

Sandwiched in between Criqui's two bouts, the Polo Grounds was the scene of another dramatic episode that rates well up with the all-time classics of the ring. It was the meeting of "young" Pancho Villa and "old" Jimmy Wilde for the world flyweight title.

At his peak, Wilde had been a great ring mechanic. The Mighty Atom they'd called him—a flyweight who had beaten bantams and even feathers. But now, at 31, and in virtual retirement for two and a half years, the tiny Welshman was being pitted against a fast, vicious, two-fisted bundle of fighting fury nearly ten years his junior. Villa, the Filipino, was not yet 22.

What happened was inevitable. Wilde didn't have a chance. He was beaten from the start. But he went down fighting as only a real champion could. As early as the first round, Jimmy was in trouble. Toward the close of the second a lusty right to the chin dumped him in a heap just as the bell clanged. By the third, he was bleeding profusely from the nose, and his left eye was closing.

But no more courageous champion than Wilde ever stepped into any ring. Beaten though he was, he refused to quit. By the end of the sixth the crowd was howling for the massacre to be stopped. Referee Patsy Haley walked over to Wilde's corner and pleaded with him to quit. Through battered, bleeding features, Jimmy said: "No. I want to go down like a champion."

The end arrived midway through the seventh. Staggering weakly around the ring, but still trying to fight back, Wilde was sent reeling against the ropes by a left and a right to the chin. As he bounced off, he fell flat on his face. Haley didn't bother to count.

THE grand climax of that hectic 1923 campaign was the riotous brawl between Jack Dempsey and Luis Angel Firpo in the Polo Grounds.

Twice Dempsey came close, very close, to losing his heavyweight title in the first round. As a matter of fact, he almost ran into disaster with the first punch of the fight.

With the clang of the opening gong, Manassa Jack came a-roaring across the ring. Firpo was hardly out of his corner when Dempsey was on top of him. Jack lunged with a left hook, but it was short. Almost simultaneously, Firpo's ponderous right clubbed Dempsey on the left temple. The champion was stunned, and his knees buckled under him. Instinctively, he threw up his left arm to block another right swing. Once more Firpo fired a right, this time to the body, and Jack sagged again, his right knee touching the canvas.

The champion was hurt, but saved himself by grabbing Firpo's body and pulling himself to his feet.

Then Dempsey went to work. Seven times in the next two minutes he blasted Firpo to the canvas, but just when it looked as though Jack was headed for one of the quickest knockouts in heavyweight title competition, Firpo suddenly launched a drive of his own. Eyes blazing, his sullen features flashing with rage, the Argentino rushed Dempsey across the ring, battering away with both hands, and Jack went hurtling through the ropes into the working press seats.

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Memorable Fights of 1950

By TED CARROLL

..REX LAYNE... SCORED 1950'S BIGGEST UPSET..!.

ELSEWHERE in the pages of THE RING, the La-Motta - Dauthuille fight for the middleweight title, picked by this publication as the standout championship contest of 1950, is discussed in detail. There were other bouts during the year which won't be soon forgotten.

One was the Louis-Charles battle for the heavyweight title held in New York City which had varied claims to distinction. First and foremost, it clinched Charles' right to universal recognition as the world titleholder.

Due to the vast increase in the number of television viewers during the past year, the fight was undoubtedly "seen" by more persons than any other boxing match in history. Conversely, the number of paying "in the flesh" spectators was a puny 13,562, a far cry from the milling mobs of the Louis glory days. It is also ironic that the legendary Louis whose name had become synonymous with victory in the ring, should have been the beaten party in a match performed before such a limitless audience via television.

On the other hand Charles, whose talent had been obscured prior to that fight, finally found himself "looking good" before millions of watchers. Charles himself probably derived more satisfaction out of convincing skeptical New Yorkers that he could really fight, than he did thrilling the country-wide audience that viewed his efforts on the video screen.

Ezzard has always had his troubles in the big town. Even when he won in New York, he caused no dancing in the streets of the metropolis. After his sound exhibition of all-around workmanship against the aged, slow-moving Louis, New Yorkers had no alternative but to put the stamp of approval on the slick Cincinnattian. Typical of these was New York *World-Telegram* sports columnist, Joe Williams, who is not given to idle praise. He came out with the blunt declaration that in his opinion, Charles is as good as Gene Tunney was.

Almost lost in the shuffle of sob stuff over Louis' downfall and praise for Ezzard, was the fact that Charles conceded the old Bomber 34½ pounds in weight, 184½ to 218. Few will claim that Louis' extra avoirdupois was any asset to him, but the concession of so much poundage is still out of the ordinary.

FOR a reason that most of us would prefer to forget, New York's other big outdoor fistic extravaganza, the third Willie Pep-Sandy Saddler featherweight title fight will long be remembered. This fight stood out because of the startling and unsatisfactory finish of what looked for several rounds like a most interesting embroglio.

Pep had gotten up from a third-round knockdown and seemed to have at least an even chance of duplicating his win of 1948 over the spidery, hard-hitting Harlem boxer. Willie for many rounds was wheeling his way about the ring, worrying his rival with the same wily razzle-dazzle that had regained him his title some months before. Then came the break in the seventh session.

In this stanza, both boys became enmeshed in a pretzel-like tangle on the ropes. Pep was finally extricated from this mix-up but seemed in a somewhat woe-begone condition. During the rest between rounds, Willie informed his handlers, who in turn notified Dr. Nardiello, New York Boxing Commission medico, that Pep would be unable to continue because of a shoulder dislocation. This brought everything to an abrupt conclusion with the crowd of 38,781 sitting stunned, and looking at each other with heads shaking in bewilderment.

..WILLIE PEP AND SANDY SADDLER SET A "GATE RECEIPTS" RECORD FOR THE FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION.....

The blow to the crowd was doubly tough, since an unusually large proportion of the customers were Pep partisans from the neighboring state of Connecticut.

So Pep became one of the few ring champions to lose a championship sitting in his corner as Saddler was again crowned featherweight champion of the world.

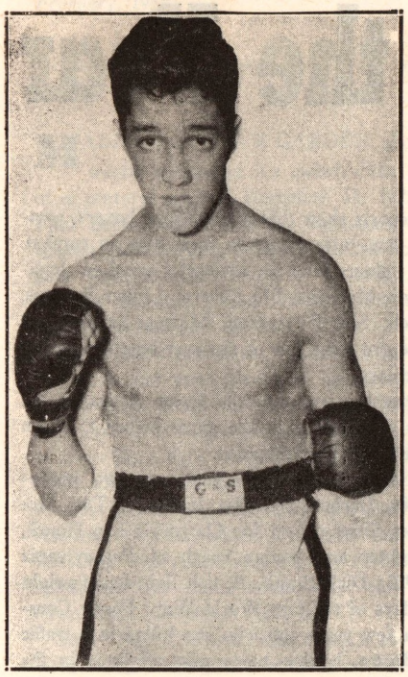
Jess Willard was another, but no one has ever really held that against the old giant from the Pottawattomie country for he had already absorbed enough punishment from the iron mitts of Jack Dempsey to destroy a dozen champions.

..SUGAR RAY" DONATED HIS ENTIRE PURSE TO THE CANCER FUND...

RING scholars had to go back some 20 years for a more indecisive ending to a world's title match. This would be the Schmeling-Sharkey affair on June 12, 1930, when the German backed into the heavyweight championship of the world, squatting on the canvas bleating "Foul." Manager Joe Jacobs, always the opportunist, shouted and screamed the officials into upholding Max's claim that night, with considerable assistance from famed Editor Arthur Brisbane of the New York *Journal-American*, who, arising majestically from his ringside seat, threatened to bring down the wrath of the gods upon every *(Continued on page 41)*

NEW FACES

By ART COLLINS



Joe Giambra, welterweight from Buffalo, New York.

JOE GIAMBRA

WHO hasn't heard of that silver lining that appears whenever things look darkest? Well, things have seemed dark in most of the divisions until recently when suddenly a lot of new talent has been unearthed that shows promise.

In the welterweight division there is a new face that has the look of going places. The youth, he is nineteen, is Joe Giambra who calls Buffalo, New York, home.

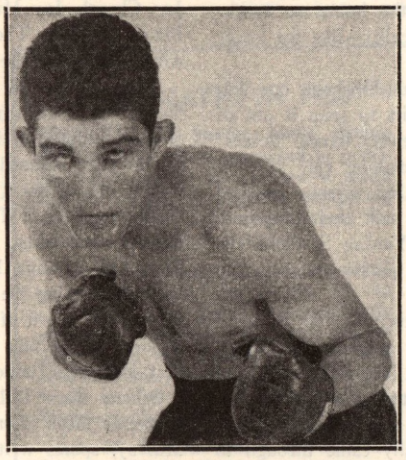
In the amateurs he compiled a fine record and since turning to the pay for sock ranks he has had fourteen fights and is to date undefeated. Joe has been held to one draw while icing eleven of his victims . . . did I hear someone say the man must have a punch? The one fighter who has held Joey to a draw has been defeated in a later contest over the eight round route.

Giambra is managed by Mike Scanlan, a veteran fight manager.

LIBBY MANZO

EVER since he hung up his own gloves, Bobby Ruffin has been devoting much of his time to finding a fighter capable of being developed into the sort of headliner he had been in his prime. So far, Ruffin's efforts haven't been marked by any noticeable success, but hope never sprung more eternal than in the bosom of a fight manager, and Bobby is confident that he finally has come up with a real "find" in Liberato Manzolillo, known now to the trade as Libby Manzo.

Ruffin ran across Manzo quite by accident last summer. On a visit to Jeffersonville, N. Y., he dropped in to say hello to another ex-pug, Ray Shaara of Jersey City, now a postman in the up-state New York village. Though his own ring days are over, Shaara still takes an active interest in boxing, and during his chat with Ruffin he mentioned that one of the likeliest youngsters he had seen in some time was a local amateur. Bobby became so interested in what Shaara had to say that he asked to see what the kid could do. Ruffin donned the gloves with Manzo in the gym, and was so impressed that he immediately

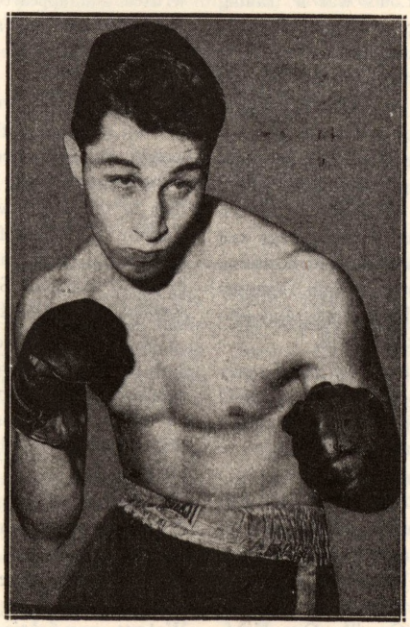


Tony Allegro, 135-pounder from the Bronx, New York.

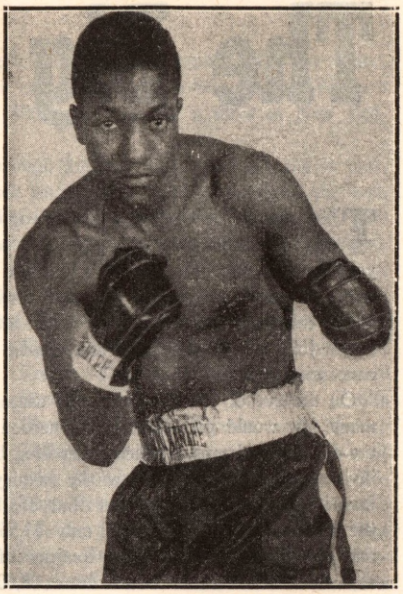
took the youngster in tow, and brought him to New York.

Manzo, just 21, and a native of Elmhurst, Long Island, had been living for eight years in Jeffersonville, where his father ran a farm. Libby was an altar boy and choir singer in the local St. George R.C. Church.

At this writing, Manzo's professional career embraces seven bouts, crowded into two months of activity. His record reads four knockouts, two decisions and one draw. One of his triumphs was a sensational 26-second kayo of Mickey Zezza in a Madison Square Garden preliminary. His other performances include a knockout and a decision over Ralph Jacobs, knockouts of Earl Hilton and Bobby Barclay, a verdict



Libby Manzo, Elmhurst, Long Island, featherweight.



Ernie Roberts, Brooklyn lightweight.

over Alex Fimbres and a draw with Charley Slaughter. That's a pretty fair start for any kid in this rugged trade. Maybe Ruffin finally has found what he's been looking for.

ERNIE ROBERTS

ERNIE ROBERTS, a lightweight youngster, who shapes up as a prospect in his division started in to bang with the gloves before he was knee high to a duckling and before you could say Ernie Roberts he was being heard from in the simon-pure ranks.

The Brooklyn, New York, lad had a nice record as an amateur. Golden Gloves sub-novice 1949 lightweight champ, he held the Department of Parks crown and the PAL bauble.

As a professional for about a year he has won nine out of twelve fights. In his latest win he showed a tendency to slug it out instead of being careful and as a result he blasted Bruno Lijoi out of the picture in five heats.

Ernie comes from a fighting family . . . six brothers to be exact have either been fighters or are at the present moment members of the glove thumping clan. Brothers Tommy and Jimmy are shoving the mitts around in the Golden Gloves and three other brothers are equally busy in the fistic mart.

The twenty-year-old Negro boxer is trained by Chickie Farrara and is doing his fighting under the Dundee banner.

TONY ALLEGRO

TONY ALLEGRO is 19 years old, and weighs 135 pounds. He was born in Cayey, Puerto Rico, and is living in the Bronx, New York. His mother is Spanish and father Italian. One of 5 children he has two brothers and two sisters.

Tony has engaged in 20 amateur bouts, winning 12 by KO's and 7 via decisions and losing one, which he later reversed by a knockout. He was taught by Victor Vallee, former featherweight contender, who together with Irving Cohen, are now his managers.

Since turning professional about 7 months ago, he has engaged in 16 fights and remains undefeated. He has scored 7 knockouts, won 8 decisions and drew in one.

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The Big Stories of the Year

By JOHNNY SALAK

TV or not TV? That was boxing's question of the year—and that was boxing for the year. Get your boxing canned and your beer bottled. The Topsy TV world just grows and grows and the active patrons of the game dwindle until the old one about the promoter being able to count the house no longer was a joke in 1950 but stood out in grim reality—like the lonely concessionaires.

On the eve of the Louis-Charles championship bout, one that many felt would give boxing the needed lift to snap it out of the dul-dough-drums, a video sponsoring brewery issued "tickets" inviting one and all to view the history-making epic at their favorite tavern. It turned out that 35,013,562 persons watched the not-so-epic encounter but only 13,562 paid their way into and seemed lost in the huge confines of Yankee Stadium, the same venue at which Louis drew 88,000 persons to see him batter Max Baer in 1935.

Television, the Korean war, and the return of Joe Louis to active competition were boxing's three big stories of the year, a year which saw the sport slip and slide, lose its footing and then regain its balance in the closing months as a raft of title bouts took place, international competition was stepped up and the long sought promising youngsters finally came through to take their places at the head or near the top of almost every division.

THERE were happy moments and some sad ones in boxing during the year just ending, and there were great fights and a number of poor and disappointing ones. There were comebacks filled with disillusionment and comers who hold high promise. There were passing of old boxing landmarks and there were anniversaries that turned back the years to perhaps better, more glorious years. The year 1950 was a rich one for boxing, not in a monetary way, but in tradition.

On April 15 at the little town of Burbank, Calif., celebrities came from far and near to honor Jim Jeffries, one of boxing's great men, on his 75th birthday. He had won the world heavyweight title over a half century before. Only Frank Erne among champions remains his senior, and that by three months.

At the start of the year the Associated Press poll of the "greatest" of the first half century put the merciless stalker, Manassa Mauler Jack Dempsey, far out in front among fighters and high in the ratings as athlete. Joe Louis was a trailing second and Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, a distant third. A fighting trio who slammed their way to fame and fortune from humble beginnings, they thrilled a nation with their exploits and rate among the greatest drawing cards in all athletic history.

Another poll that did high honor to boxing ranked the greatest thrill producer of the mid-century with the primitive Dempsey-Firpo brawl of September 14, 1923, taking first place. To all who were present and the millions who have seen it in the thoughtfully preserved films, the raw drama of two savage and jungle beasts striving for supremacy with the huge Firpo rising from his seventh knockdown in the first round to bull Dempsey across the ring and smash him out through the ropes and into the press section, remains a vivid and dazzling thrill.

The "long count" battle of 1927 between Dempsey and Tunney rated a high third for the first fifty years of the century while Joe Louis' savage annihilation of Max Schmeling in their return bout garnered enough votes to be tied for ninth place.

THE war in Korea, had its effects on boxing though the full force has not yet been felt. Already many veterans have returned to service and a number of the younger crop of fighters have been drafted or will shortly get their call.

As far as can be traced, the first fighter to be killed in action was Sgt. William Goodwin, amateur from Coquille, Ore. Unofficial and incomplete reports show that at least nine boxers, amateur and professional, have already given their lives in combat.

Among outstanding fighters who are in service are Lew Jenkins, Rocky Fusco, Vinnie Martinez, Bill Roberts, Luther Burgess, Joe Chesul, Joe Miceli, Sheriff Jackson, Mickey Savage and Bunny Berrigan. These are but a few of the ever lengthening list who have joined the colors.

Many of the old guard passed into the Great Arena as the number of those who were active in the game before the turn of the century dwindled to a mere handful.

The year claimed William Brady, manager of two heavyweight champions (Jim Corbett and Jim Jeffries); Tim McGrath, manager of Tom Sharkey and Joe Choynski; Leo Houck, former outstanding fighter and boxing coach at Pennsylvania State College since 1923; Dick Smith, British light-heavyweight champion during the days of the first World War; Benny Cousins, bantamweight of a few years ago who was killed in a traffic accident and Frank Brown, boxing judge who officiated in the first Dempsey-Tunney fight.

Others were Billy Gardner, one of three famous fighting brothers; Jacob Short, veteran New York boxing judge; Charles Murray, sports writer and promoter who gave Jack Dempsey his first start in the East against Carl Morris; Jack Dillon, veteran Pittsburgh referee of no decision days, and Pep O'Brien, Italian-American fighter of the early 1920's, who on returning to Italy won the national lightweight title as Joe Mattioli.

Also Joe Gould, who piloted Jimmy Braddock to a world title; Jack Meekins, British bare-knuckle fighter who claimed to have had 1700 bouts; Howard Heckerman, mid-west boxing commissioner; Patsy Kline, outstanding featherweight before the first World War; Frank Ronan, youthful British heavyweight who died tragically by drowning in the Thames River; Dick Griffin, former bantamweight fighter and boxing promoter; and Bunky Wall, middleweight of a few years ago.

Wrestling lost Bill Johnston, promoter and brother of Jimmy and Charley Johnston, famous boxing managers; Earl Caddock, the Man of a Thousand Holds; Danny O'Mahony, heavyweight champion in 1935 and Bull Montana, who made his fame in the ring and on the screen.

For the third time in two years the obituary of George (Elbows) McFadden, famous lightweight of the early 1890's, was written and appeared in the papers—this time from Bethesda, Md. However, McFadden is very much alive, a patient at Pilgrim Hospital in New York.

COMEBACKS were, as usual, a dime a dozen and paid off on practically that amount. Harry Jeffra, former bantamweight and featherweight champion, took a stab at it again after a three-year lay off. Karel Sys, Belgian heavyweight, made a return to the ring down in the Argentine against Arturo Godoy. Tommy Farr, out for a ten-year period, met a few obliging Continental chaps and was enjoying himself until rudely greeted by Lloyd Marshall. Stumpy Butwell, out for two and a half years, surprised by taking the Australian flyweight title.

Joe Louis' comeback was in itself the sports story of the year and probably received more space than any other single announcement. His dismal performance against Ezzard Charles and an equally unimpressive win over Cesar Brion showed clearly that the career of the great champion now belongs to the historians.

The greatest ballyhoo yarn of the year belonged to the publicity man of the Jersey Joe Walcott-Harold Johnson fight. He hit the headlines of the sports pages throughout the country when the story came out that back in 1936 Walcott had kayoed Phil Johnson in three rounds and now, on February 8, 1950, Walcott was fighting the son of his old rival. Walcott ended

the story by halting young Harold Johnson in a like number of rounds.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, show place of the sporting world, celebrated it's twenty-fifth anniversary. A quarter of a century ago, on December 11, 1925, the main event saw Paul Berlenbach defend his light-heavyweight title in a bout against Jack Delaney before a packed house of 16,913 who had paid $148,155. On December 8, 1950, light-heavyweight Bob Murphy defeated Jimmy Beau before a sparse gathering of 6,667, who had paid $20,743.

Two historic landmarks vanished from the scene, not even ghosts of memories left to linger at the sites where new edifices were to be built. Queensboro Arena, in New York City, venue of many great fights after nearly three decades of continuous action, and Chicago's Marigold Gardens, popular center for fights and wrestling which had been a great developing spot for young talent, were torn down, their usefulness outlived.

Sugar Ray Robinson, who made a belated though triumphant invasion of Europe late in the year, contributed the prize line of the period in answer to a reporter's question.

Asked what sort of a fighter George Costner was after their return bout, Robinson answered, "I still don't know what style Costner uses!" In their first bout, on February 14, 1945, the welterweight champion stiffened his opponent in 2:55 of the first round. In the encore, he flattened him in 2:49 of the initial stanza.

The biggest disappointment fell to the rubber match between Willie Pep and Sandy Saddler which was expected to be the battle of the decade between little men, but which had a bizarre ending with Pep sitting on the stool in his corner, his left shoulder dislocated in the seventh round. The crowd that had paid a record-breaking $262,000 for a featherweight title match groaned in unison at the unexpected, up-in-the-air ending.

A NEW record for knockdowns in a world championship match was recorded by Vic Toweel of South Africa, world bantam king who dropped Danny O'Sullivan twenty times in their tilt at Johannesburg.

O'Sullivan, coming in at his lightest for the year, probably figured to get more bounce to the ounce.

The quickest knockout of the year belongs to Heinz Neuhaus who stopped Hans Dragestein at Dusseldorf, Germany, in 15 seconds on March 31. Only two punches were thrown.

Early in the year in a five-round fight at Honolulu, Reno Abellera knocked out Willie Jackson in the final round. Jackson was down nine times in the first round, once in the fourth and once again in the fifth. The nine knockdowns in one round equalled a record.

Alex Buxton, Watford, England, middleweight, starting on June 8, 1949, ran up twelve straight knockouts before George Angelo went the distance with him on October 24, 1950, at Albert Hall, London. His nine knockouts run third to the rated light-heavyweight Harry Matthews who chalked up eleven in a dozen fights. Bob Murphy had ten.

On October 16 at the Bronx Winter Garden, New York City, there were only 101 paid fans at a professional show which was televised. This was the lowest attendance reported for the season. During that same week only 382 were counted at a Mid-Western card and a little over 400 showed up for a show at New Bedford, Mass.

As always, going through the year undefeated is a major task, even for the rated men and only a handful survived the test. In the heavyweight division, Ezzard Charles, Lee Savold, Bob Baker and Rocky Marciano were in that class. Among light-heavyweights who did not lose were Joe Maxim, Archie Moore, Harry Matthews, Albert Yvel, Jim Slade and Willie Hoepner. Middleweights included Jake LaMotta, Dave Sands, Randy Turpin, Rocky Graziano, Pete Muller and Ronnie Delaney. Welterweights came through with Ray Robinson, Eddie Thomas, Johnny Saxton and Mickey Tollis. Four lightweights who made it were James Carter, Eddie Chavez, Roberto Proietti and Johnny Gonsalves.

In the featherweight division there was Percy Bassett, Al Phillips, Rocky McKay and Ciro Morasen. Bantamweights included Vic Toweel, Peter Keenan and Gianni Zuddas. Flyweights listed two, Dado Marino and Stumpy Butwell.

Among the fighters who were consistent losers, as we'll find them in our 1951 RING *Record Book* which will be out next month, are Manuel Sanchez, Puerto Rican lightweight, defeated in all eight bouts and stopped twice; Manuel Correa, losing six for six and halted four times; Bobby Gainville who in 18 bouts, lost 13 decisions, drew in three and won two; Gene Bora, Elizabeth lightweight, loser of six straight; Matt Daniels, Washington light-heavy, defeated in all his five; Jack Martin, Indianapolis featherweight, another five-for-five man who was stopped four times, and Jim Martin, Detroit welterweight, with five for five.

Then there are Paul Martinez, Omaha featherweight, stopped in all four of his bouts; George Maverick, Elizabeth heavy, kayoed in three out of three; George Meyers, Boston middleweight, loser of six out of seven and halted five times; Jimmy Hegeman, who was defeated in seven out of seven starts and kayoed three times; and Proctor Heinhold, Oklahoma City featherweight, who in meeting some of the top men, lost eleven out of twelve.

Cisco Saenz, Phoenix welterweight, holds the record for the most fights for the year with 35. Bob Torrance, California welter, was second with 30, and Rocky Slater, Los Angeles middleweight, followed with 30. Jim Dillon, Norwood, Colo., welterweight fighting around New York, went to the post 27 times, while Charley Salas, Phoenix 147-pounder, seemed to have fought everybody in his 28 outings. Sammy Harris, Chicago welterweight, was in 25 bouts, while Aaron Junior, Los Angeles lightweight, and Zeke Brown, of Jamaica, B.W.I., fighting in Britain, both saw action on 24 occasions up to the time of going to press on December 15.

Salas who never feels right unless he has at least twenty bouts a year engaged in the greatest number of rounds, 213. His opponents included Freddy Dawson, Ike Williams, Joe Miceli, Gene Hairston and Johnny Saxton.

All in all, it was a turbulent year for boxing, with many title bouts, a number of the rated men often defeated and a number of youngsters coming through. As the manager said to his fighter after receiving a gift draw, "It could have been worse."

RING DEATHS IN 1950

DEATHS in boxing bouts during 1950 were few compared to previous years, due to two causes—a much smaller number of pugilists competing and more thorough examinations by boxing commission physicians.

There were only nine during 1950 and nineteen the year before. Of the nine, six were among professionals and three amateurs. The most prominent figure was Laverne Roach who died after being knocked out by Georgie Small in the St. Nicholas Arena on Washington's Birthday. Here is the list:

Feb. 23—Laverne Roach. He died the day after his knockout.

May 22—William Humphries, amateur. Died after striking his head on canvas in bout witht Glyn Paders in Pontypridd, Wales.

June 25—Raymond L. Grande, a Brooklyn sailor, died following amateur bout aboard the SS Brazil, with Max Haynes.

June 26—Jean Remie, Dutch lightweight, died following knockout at hands of Jan Nicholas at Rotterdam. Professional.

Aug. 17—Manuel Alvarez, died after knockout at hands of Diego Orzaes in Madrid. Professional.

Aug.—Max Morales, 33, died of a cerebral hemorrhage after he defeated Juan Venegas in a 10-round comeback fight at San Juan, P. R.

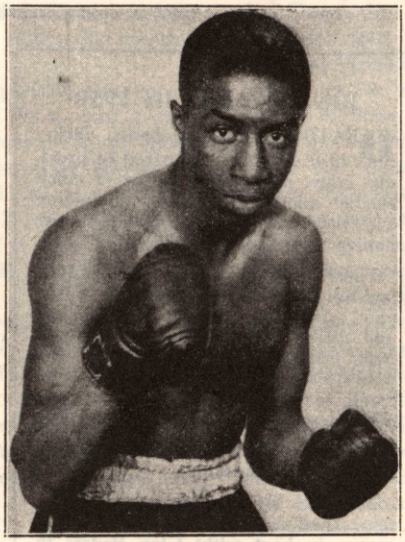
Nov. 4—Alex Chisholm, middleweight, died following bout with Kid Sutherland at South River, Nova Scotia. Professional.

Nov. 23—Abdul Kamil Djinjiz, Turkish Prince, died following knockout in Paris while acting as a sparring mate in an amateur gymnasium workout.

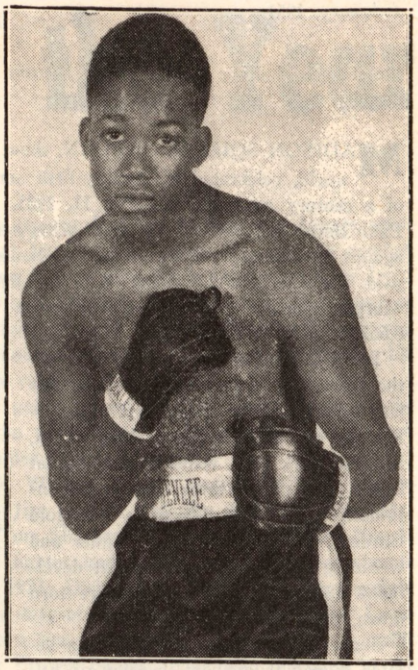
Dec. 7—Johnny Lopez, 26, died from a brain hemorrhage following a knockout at the hands of Joe Madrid at Merced, Calif.

Middleweights Rich *in* Talent

By NAT LOUBET



Ron Delaney, Akron, Ohio, whose record speaks for itself.



Eugene Hairston, from the Bronx, New York, whose victory over Lee Sala forced him into the spotlight.

THE middle class of a population, the average man in height, weight and general physique finds its counterpart in boxing's middleweight class. Those of th world population falling into the 147-160 pound group are the largest percentage of men. It is therefore logical that the middleweight division has the biggest number of men to choose from as compared to the other divisions in boxing. It also follows that the middleweights will be high in supplying outstanding talent to the fistic world.

The middleweight division has been the most thrill providing, colorful class in boxing. There has rarely been a time that there hasn't been an abundance of top-notch men wearing the middle colors.

That is true right up to the present when boxing in a precarious position due to television, lack of talent, and other ills, finds a mainstay in the middleweights. The 160 pounders are boxing's bastion. All through the years when the heavyweight and other divisions have gone sour for a time it has been the middleweights who have carried the ball between the decline of a Dempsey and the arrival of a Louis.

The "Big Money" matches for the coming year are for the most part middleweight affairs. Spread out the tablecloth and look at the menu in the other classes.

In the heavyweight division Ezzard Charles is a much better champion than he is getting credit for but his lack of color has caused him to be anything but a good name at the box office. His opponents to be are of a calibre to enable Joe Louis, an over the hill gladiator, to remain a serious heavyweight threat. There are a number of promising youngsters but they haven't arrived as yet.

Joey Maxim, Archie Moore, Harry Matthews and Bob Murphy are at the top of the light-heavy ladder with Murphy blossoming into perhaps the best possible crowd drawer of that division.

The welterweights begin and end with Robinson, who for all practical purposes may be categorized as a middleweight. His decisive win over Robert Villemain, at Philadelphia, gave him the mythical Pennsylvania version of the middleweight title.

The lightweight "Big Money" rides on Ike Williams, who has been off his stride the past year, and John L. Davis, a California whiz kid.

Sandy Saddler is the king pin among the feathers with only Willie Pep as a possible "big" match opponent.

The bantams fare a little better but there are no large purses to be obtained by Vic Toweel that division's boss. Luis Romero, Manuel Ortiz and Peter Keenan are likely opponents.

Dado Marino, a veteran campaigner, holds the reins of the flyweight class but the fans have temporarily forgotten to support the tiniest of the boxing world.

NOW take the middleweights! Right up through 1950 their tradition has come unblemished . . . the most prolific and consistent performers . . . the most colorful single group of fighter. Jacob LaMotta, present wearer of the bauble, has no dearth of opponents from which to choose. Foremost is Sugar Ray Robinson, who is camping on the Bronx Bull's doorsteps waiting for a crack at the crown. If it comes off this contest shapes up as one of this year's outstanding attractions.

And so it has been down through the years. The present crop of top notch middleweights may not compare to the gilded eras of Jack (Nonpareil) Dempsey, Bob Fitzsimmons, Tommy Ryan, Kid McCoy, Stanley Ketchel, Billy Papke, Frank Klaus, George Chip, Al McCoy, Mike O'Dowd, Johnny Wilson, Harry Greb, Mickey Walker, Rocky Graziano, Tony Zale—and here we are with Jacob LaMotta.

Promoters and managers are wailing like banshees about the dearth of talent but of them all the middleweights still have more than the remainder of the field. As quickly as a top-notch man is knocked off his pedestal a score of new middleweights come forward to take their place in the lists. America has a fine crop of middleweights in Jimmy Beau, a Norwalk, Conn., Negro, who lost a war with Bob Murphy, ranking light-heavyweight, but still shapes up as a good middle. Ray Barnes, of Detroit, who climbed the heights by his win over Tommy Yarosz and by lasting ten rounds with Ray Robinson, is coming along. Ron Delaney, a southpaw, who is a consistent winner with thirty-one fights of which he has lost but one and been held to a draw but once, is forging to the fore. Rocky Graziano, a veteran, who still has that magic crowd appeal, has staged a successful comeback.

Walter Cartier is another good performer who will be seen in the main ring this year. Artie Towne, a tough man for anyone to beat, has been finding it hard to get opponents. Eugene Hairston, deaf and dumb Negro, has moved into the spotlight by his defeat of Kid Gavilan and then his upset win of the year over Lee Sala, a hard hitting lad from Donora, Pa., who prior to this fight had only lost one fight in seventy outings. Despite this setback Sala demands serious attention.

Other U.S. youngsters who are making strides are Jimmy Herring, a consistent winner over average competition, Garth Panter, nineteen year old new face, showing promise. Garth has had seventeen fights of which he has lost one and has knocked out twelve, winning the others. Terry Moore, Baltimore, shows promise of finding his stride and may become a threat. Bayonne, New Jersey, has a heavy handed youngster in Ernie Durando, a slugger, who is dangerous at all times, but many claim he catches too many . . . time will tell. Paddy Young, Greenwich, New York, youngster, was punching his way to the front until he met up with Laurent Dauthuille who defeated him over the ten round route. Paddy is action plus but he lacks the scientific touch that he needs to threaten the leaders. Mel Brown, has been a jinx to European middles and Bobby Dawson has also been going at it

hot and heavy in overseas matches. Jimmy Cerello, Artie Diamond, Roger Donoghue, Rocky Castillani, Jimmy Flood, Jackie Keough, Paul Pender, Joe Rindone, and on runs the list of U.S. middles in action.

ACROSS the pond in Great Britain we find Randolph Turpin, of Leamington, holding court as the best of John Bull's middles. An outstanding puncher, Randolph was hampered in his early career by being an off-again-on-again fighter. But in the past year he has found himself and with his five-round crusher over Finch for the English middleweight crown he has proven his worth.

Albert Finch, despite his loss to Turpin and Luc Van Dam, is not out of the running. Alex Buxton, Watford middle, is another runner up for British honors.

Among Great Britain's younger crop there are loads of fine prospects. Vic Harrison, Birkenhead youngster, undefeated in eight fights looks like a hot prospect. Dick Langley, from Peckham, has had his ups and downs but is currently on a winning streak, Another youngster, Wally Beckett, of Carshalton, has six straight wins to his record, five of them knockouts. There's John L. Sullivan, the eighteen year old welterweight, who expects to be competing in the middleweight division in the near future. He is a product of the English boxing booths and looks like a comer. Ken Rowlands, a Welsh mittster, who seems to have caught fire and has won his last four matches. Ron Pudney, from Croydon, and Bruce Crawford, Thornaby-on-Tees are lads to watch. Crawford is a southpaw who fights from an orthodox stance and has six out of seven as his record. Les Allen, of Bedworth, who moved forward by his win over Henry Hall, is a good puncher and a possibility. George Casson, a pro for three years, expects a big year.

Across the channel France has more than a fair share of top middleweights. Topping the list is Laurent Dauthuille, who up to thirteen minutes of the fifteenth and last round, was on his way to winning the world's title. Those last few seconds were all that kept France from having another middleweight champion. The fight was nominated by THE RING Staff and its correspondents as the Fight of the Year and the fifteenth round as the Round of the Year. Dauthuille is therefore one of the chosen people awaiting a return match with LaMotta. Also prominent in the land of the Fleur de Lis is one Robert Villemain, who lost a very unpopular decision to that same Monsieur LaMotta. He was scheduled to fight Turpin for the European title and he too awaits another crack at the world diadem, providing he doesn't leave the middleweight ranks and go after the light-heavy boys.

Of those who are less tried, Charles Humezt stands out as a youngster likely to succeed. Twenty-three years old, Humezt started out as a pro in September of 1948 and has lost two in forty-six bouts. He has been campaigning as a welterweight and is France's hottest prospect. He expects to be a full-fledged middleweight by early this year.

Walter Cartier, New York City, boxer-puncher, who expects 1951 to be his big year.

Spain has Jose Alamo but his two round kayo by Randolph Turpin reduces him as a threat.

Holland has a veteran who cannot be skipped in any mention of the middleweights. Luc Van Dam, whose recent triumphs over Albert Finch and the Italian champion Fernando Janilli, and his fine showing with Ray Robinson proves he still has plenty on the ball.

Down in Italy, Tiberio Mitri, former European champion who vacated his title to take on LaMotta, rules supreme. A young lad, Tiberio may still turn into one of the best of the middleweights. In his bout with LaMotta he had the moves and natural ability but he just wasn't ready for a champ. Fellow countrymen Giovanni Manca and Fernando Janilli are the only serious Italian entrants in the middleweight scramble.

Up the Peninsula and into Germany where there are a few middleweights headed by the German middles champ, Peter Muller, and Karl Schmidt and Heinz Sanger. Muller showed he had the stuff by his one round knockout over Stonewall Jackson. Schmidt and Sanger are the best of the remaining middles although they are not in Muller's class.

In Ireland there is a nineteen year old youngster, Jackie Brown, who is green but shows promise. Tom Meli is another prospect.

Belgium has Cyrille Delannoit, who has a lot of ability and may come back this year to his former threatening position in the middleweight ladder.

GOING Down Under we have one of the world's leading middleweights, an aborigine, Dave Sands, one of the five Sands brothers, whose successful invasion of English rings makes him one of the top contenders. Dave is the holder of the Australian middle, light-heavy, and heavyweight crowns. His win over Robert Villemain helped him climb the ladder and his one round knockout over Dick Turpin won for him the British Empire middleweight title. Sands has a style that many believe will cause him to go over big in the United States where he is likely to show this year.

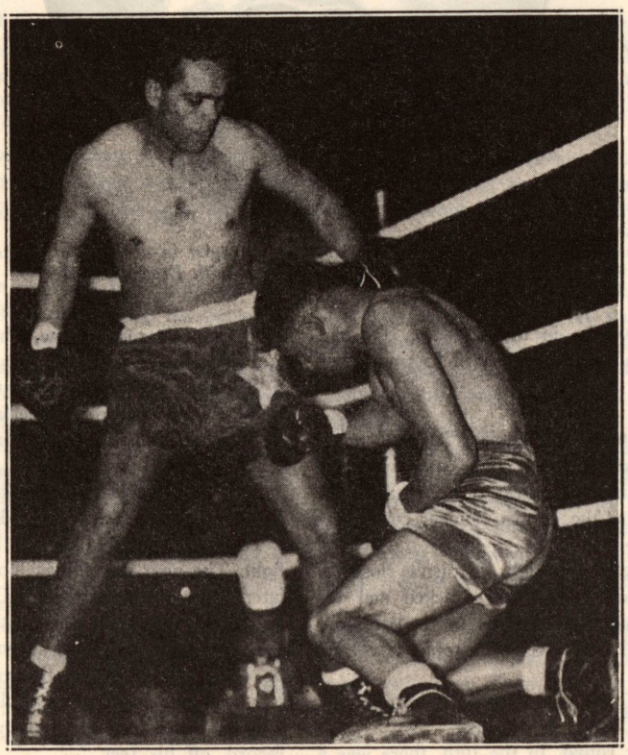
Another Aussie to watch is Don Johnson who seems to be moving out.

Across another lap of water to South Africa where the Union's hopes in the middleweight scene rest on Duggis Miller and George Angelo.

South America has several youngsters who look good, one of them, Rafael Merentino, twenty-one year old Argentine from Buenos Aires, is on his way to the United States to show his wares.

Across the border from the U.S. in Canada, Roy Wouters, of Montreal, the Canadian champion, and Yvon Durelle, of Baie Ste. Anne, are representative of that country's efforts.

The middleweight roster of prospects is so plentiful that to mention them all would be impossible. There are sufficient top notch middleweights around the globe to give the fans one of their most exciting years. The class, as in the past, rules the roost in pugilism.



Dave Sands knocks out Dick Turpin in one round for the British Empire middleweight crown.

The Louis Fadeout

A Major Event in Fistic Affairs of 1950

By AL BUCK

THE decline of Joe Louis was an event of major interest to boxing fans last year, but his announced retirement following his defeat by Ezzard Charles was of brief duration. It lasted only two months, and the once invincible champion is now engaged in a campaign to prove that he can come back.

Retired except for exhibitions, and associated with Jim Norris in the International Boxing Club, Louis allowed himself to be lured back to the ring for just one more fight. Deductions from the income tax he filed several years ago had been disallowed, and Joe wanted to get square with Uncle Sam. The quickest way to do this, he figured, was to fight Charles for the title.

Louis' comeback fight with Charles was the most important ring battle fought in 1950. It established Charles as the world heavyweight champion, except for the claim to the title staked out in England by Lee Savold. A Charles-Savold fight this year would settle everything, and if made, would be the major fistic event of 1951.

Ezzard was the National Boxing Association's champion going into the ring with Louis. In the people's mind, however, Bomber Joe was still the champ, even though he had relinquished the crown two years ago. Louis was the attraction, too, and also the favorite in the wagering. He had successfully defended the title a record number of 25 times over a span of 11 years.

Joe Louis, ex-heavyweight king, currently engaged in a series of bouts that he hopes will lead to return match with Ezzard Charles.

THERE were only 13,562 fans in the Yankee Stadium, scene of many a Louis triumph, to see if Joe could come back. No heavyweight king had ever regained the crown once he had given it up or lost it, but many believed the Brown Bomber could beat the jinx, but he couldn't.

It was a rough, bruising fight, although it wasn't close. A well-conditioned Charles moved in and out, attacked and retreated. He took some of Louis' best punches in the ribs and stomach, and kept coming back to score with rapid lefts and smashing right hands.

In the fifth round, Louis' left eye started to swell, but he kept on advancing, trying to catch Charles in a corner.

It went that way round after round. In the 10th, there was a flash of the old Louis. Joe smashed a right to Charles' kidneys. The crowd began to roar. This was more like it. This was what the fans had come to see.

Joe, fighting out of a crouch, chopped a short right to Ezzard's jaw. The Bomber's jab drew blood from his foe's nose, and when the bell sounded, Charles staggered to his corner.

That was Louis' last bid for victory. He was staggered in the 14th by a savage right-hand uppercut. He stumbled as he tried to pull away and had to hang on the ropes with one hand to keep from going down.

Here Ezzard became cautious, fearing the old champion was trying to lure him into a trap. Louis landed with a right to the head after the bell and Charles came right back with a left before Referee Mark Conn could separate them.

THE fight was worth the $205,000 paid by the fans. When it was over, Referee Conn, Judge Joe Agnello and Judge Frank Forbes all agreed that Charles was the winner, Conn by 10 to 5 rounds, Agnello, 12 to 3, and Forbes, 13 to 2. Louis hadn't even come close in his attempt to regain the heavyweight crown.

In his hour of defeat, Louis didn't offer an alibi.

"I think I could have beaten Charles before the war, and when I fought Billy Conn the second time," the defeated champion said. "Charles is a good boxer, but he isn't much of a puncher.

"I knew I was behind from the seventh round. Manny Seamon told me I was two rounds behind then. I never caught up.

"I never thought I had him. Not even in the tenth round when I think I hurt him.

"The fight helped me financially," Louis concluded. "I'm glad I tried to come back. Now I know I can't."

That was Louis talking in his dressing room right after the fight. The next day things looked a little different. Two weeks later in the offices of the I.B.C., the former champion announced he planned to continue fighting.

Louis made his second attempt to come back in Chicago when he faced Cesar Brion, the young Argentine heavyweight. He was only moderately successful. Joe won, all right, but he wasn't able to knock Brion, a youth with less than 20 fights on his record, off his feet.

His reflexes are no longer

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FATHER TIME of BOXING

By W. C. HEINZ

George Bannon, who for more than fifty years has been handling the watch, timing fights in New York.

THIS is going back about fifty years. They were sitting around the Mott Haven A. C. and a couple of them got into an argument. They kept at it for a while until it got so warm that somebody else said that the two of them should go into the back room and settle it with gloves and two-minute rounds.

"Here, George," someone remarked, handing George Bannon a watch, "you time them."

That was the first fight that George Bannon ever timed. George is 70 now, and since then he has timed thousands of fights. He has timed at every fight club in New York and is the official timekeeper at Madison Square Garden and the St. Nicholas Arena. He has seen all the great fighters of a half a century, and has probably watched more fights than any other living man.

"The greatest fight I ever saw," he said, "might have been Willie Lewis and Sailor Burke at the Fairmont, the two of them down at one time. It was a case of who would get up first, and Lewis got up first.

"Of course," he said, "every time Sam Langford fought—I don't know whether you'd call it a great fight or not—but it was a case of when they were gonna fall. The crowd would holler: 'Drop him over here, Sam. Drop him over here.' Sam would drop them just about anywhere he wanted.

"I REMEMBER one night at the old Fairmont, Billy Gibson was worried about Langford. Sam hadn't showed up, and Gib said to me: 'Go out and see if you can find him.' I went out and I looked in a lunch wagon and there was Langford with a meal in front of him this high.

"I went back and I told Gibson what Sam was doing, and flabbergasted, he replied, 'But he's got to fight tonight.'

"'Well, after he puts all that food away he'll have plenty of strength,'" I answered.

NOW George Bannon is a little man and bald and with pale blue eyes and a long nose. He used to make his living installing the works in pianos, and his spare time he gave to the Mott Haven A. C. He was the president, and Tom McArdle, one-time matchmaker for Billy Gibson's Fairmont A. C. and Madison Square Garden, was the treasurer.

"At first it was just a social club," Bannon said, "and then some of the boys became interested in distance running. They used to run cross-country, and then I got them the use of a big vacant lot and we put a track in there and a grandstand, and to get the money to pay for it, we began running fights at smokers.

"We did pretty good, and that was where Billy Gibson got the idea for his Fairmont Club. He took over the old Mott Iron Works, and I was timing for our smokers and he had me time over there. We had some great fighters in there—Langford and Benny Leonard and Packy McFarland and Leach Cross and Dempsey and Jem Driscoll, Ketchel, One Round Hogan among other famous ringmen.

"I remember," he said, "the first time Driscoll showed up over here. I was sitting at the ringside one night and there was a district leader on one side of me and the other district leader on the other—Gibson could always do what he wanted—and Jimmy Johnston brought Driscoll up to us.

"Johnston said: 'This is Jem Driscoll. He's the champion of Great Britain.'

"Well, I looked at him and he looked so washed out I remarked to myself: 'If he's the champion of Great Britain then I'm the champion of America.'

"We had Leach Cross fighting that night. I remember Driscoll looked at him for a while, then said: 'That's the kind of a man I like to fight.'

"In amazement, I replied, 'Why, that's one of our best fighters.'

"'That's the kind I like to fight,' he shot back. He fought him, too, and how he boxed him! He could box.

"I REMEMBER," George Bannon remarked, "when Jess Willard first came to New York. Gibson called me up and he told me that he had this heavyweight in town and could the fighter come down to the Mott Haven and work out. 'Sure, send him down,' I replied.

"The big fellow came down. I said he could work out, but there weren't any heavyweights around for him to work with. But I continued, 'There's Sam Boehm here. He weighs about 140 and boxes with Packy McFarland. If you want to box with him he'll oblige.

"So Willard boxed with him. He hit Boehm with a right hand and hurt Boehm and Boehm had to stop. Willard just shook all over. He was scared. 'What did I do? What did I do?' he kept saying. He was white. Previously Willard had killed Brell Young in the ring and he was afraid to hit an opponent hard thereafter.

"You know," George Bannon continued, "I liked the big fellow. I remember when he fought in the Garden. I kept time for that show. He fought Soldier Kearns and he hit Kearns and must have lifted him off the floor a couple of feet.

"Willard," Bannon said, thinking, "I don't think he liked to fight. I think he fought only for the money that was in it."

WHEN George Bannon works in the Garden his job is a comparatively easy one. In the Garden the clock is automatic and when Bannon comes in, he checks it against his own watch and then all he has to do is start the clock at the start of every fight. In the other clubs the timing is manual.

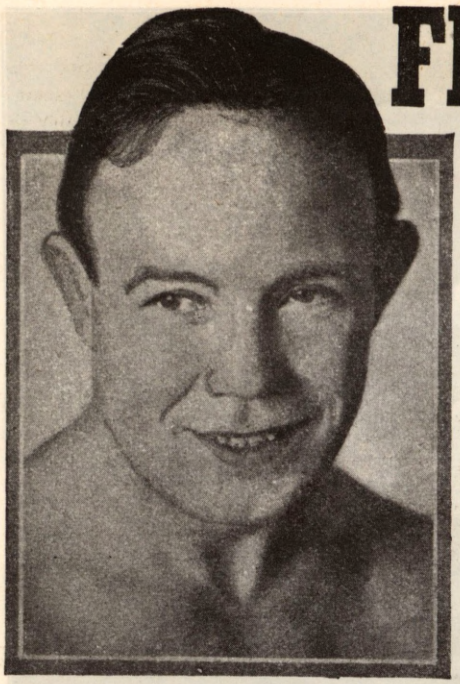
"I always have two watches at the other clubs," he said. "Years ago at the old Garden, Mike Gibbons *(Continued on page 49)*

Flowers for McTigue

Ringside Consensus Had Tiger a Decisive Winner in Ten Rounds, But Santa Claus Arrived Early to Give Christmas Fund Decision to Mike in Madison Square Garden

By JERSEY JONES

(This is the third episode in a series of features on outstanding ring battles staged during the last 25 years in The House That Tex Built.)



Santa Claus paid premature visit to former Light-heavyweight Champion Mike McTigue by awarding him decision over Tiger Flowers.

Two nights before Christmas, and all through the place
The hisses and booing continued apace;
The Tiger had won, but ol' Santa just smiled,
And gave it to Mike as the gallery went wild.
Oh, Gimbel! . . . Oh, Brady! . . . Oh, Purdy! . . . Do tell
How a holiday gift could exude such a smell!

FEW, if any, decisions handed out in New Madison Square Garden, since it opened for business more than 25 years ago, have been quite so weird as the one delivered in the Christmas Fund meeting of Mike McTigue and Tiger Flowers the night of December 23, 1925.

McTigue and Flowers headlined the third boxing card offered by Tex Rickard in his new sports arena. Championship bouts had topped the two previous shows, Paul Berlenbach successfully defending the light-heavyweight title against Jack Delaney, and Louis (Kid) Kaplan turning back Babe Herman's bid for the featherweight laurels.

Though neither McTigue nor Flowers was a champion at the time, their get-together was regarded as something of a "natural." Mike had been boss of the light-heavyweights until earlier that year, when Berlenbach had lifted the diadem from his noble conk in a 15-rounder in New York's Yankee Stadium. While the veteran Irishman was campaigning for a return match with Berlenbach, Flowers was gunning for a crack at the middleweight laurels, held by Harry Greb.

The meeting of McTigue and Flowers was almost certain to result in the winner being accommodated with the title match he was seeking.

A REMARKABLE character, Theodore (Tiger) Flowers. Outside the ring a mild-mannered, soft-spoken Bible reader, he was all fighter inside the ropes.

Though Negroes generally had rough going in their struggles for fistic recognition in those days, and southpaws hardly qualified at any time as popular favorites with their fellow-ringmen, Flowers, both a Negro and a southpaw, experienced no difficulty keeping active at his trade. His speed and spectacular boxing had made him a tremendous attraction with promoters and public alike.

The Georgia Deacon was in constant demand in all the major boxing centers of the nation. From March 29, 1924, when he broke into New York by whipping Lee Anderson at the Commonwealth Club, until he tangled with McTigue in the Garden 21 months later, the busy Flowers packed in no less than 54 bouts!

In the opening preliminary, a promising youngster, destined for future greatness, scored sensational knockout. He was Tony Canzoneri.

In that stretch, the Tiger fought 12 times in New York City, made eight appearances in Boston, topped four cards in Philadelphia, crowded 12 bouts into such Ohio communities as Columbus, Fremont, Zanesville, Canton, Hamilton, Dayton, Toledo and Cleveland, made three trips to his home ground in Atlanta, and scattered the rest of his industrious activities among St. Paul, Chicago, Buffalo, Newark, Bridgeport, Providence, Nashville and Savannah.

In that lively span, the only defeats chalked up against Flowers were the two sensational knockouts hung on him by Jack Delaney in the Old Garden.

Two of the Tiger's outstanding performances were a nip-and-tuck affair with Champion Harry Greb in a ten-round no-decision meeting in Fremont, O., and a three-round kayo over the former title holder, Johnny Wilson, in the Garden. Among his many other accomplishments were knockouts of Willie Walker, Tut Jackson, Jamaica Kid, Cleve Hawkins, Joe Lohman, Billy Britton, Tommy Robson, Jack Townsend, Battling Gahee, Dan Dowd, Jackie Clark and Sailor Darden, and points wins over Jimmy Darcy, Lou Bogash, Ted Moore, Jock Malone, Chuck Wiggins, Pal Reed, George Robinson and Frank Moody.

The Ring

THOUGH he must have realized the importance of his meeting with Flowers, McTigue, for some unaccountable reason, wasn't in the best of condition. It was obvious, when he stepped into the ring and shed his robe, that Mike hadn't trained as conscientiously as he could have. He scaled only 171½ pounds—Flowers came in at 165½—but flabby folds of superfluous avoirdupois around his waist confirmed the suspicion that the 33-year-old Irishman had prepared neither too wisely nor too well for his slightly more youthful opponent. Flowers was 30.

It may have been that McTigue's training schedule had been knocked somewhat askew by pre-holiday celebrating. Or, possibly, Mike felt that Negroes were his special pickin's. Hadn't he beaten half a dozen of them during his career? Hadn't he flattened rugged George Robinson in Montreal? Hadn't he exploded the myth of Panama Joe Gans' invincibility by whipping him in Jersey City? Hadn't he taken the light-heavyweight title from Battling Siki in Dublin?

Whatever the reason, or reasons, there was no denying that McTigue was considerably below his best form for Flowers.

Despite the attractiveness of the main event, and an exceptionally strong supporting card, the attendance and receipts fell somewhat short of expectations. The crowd numbered 13,087, and the gate hit $49,976.

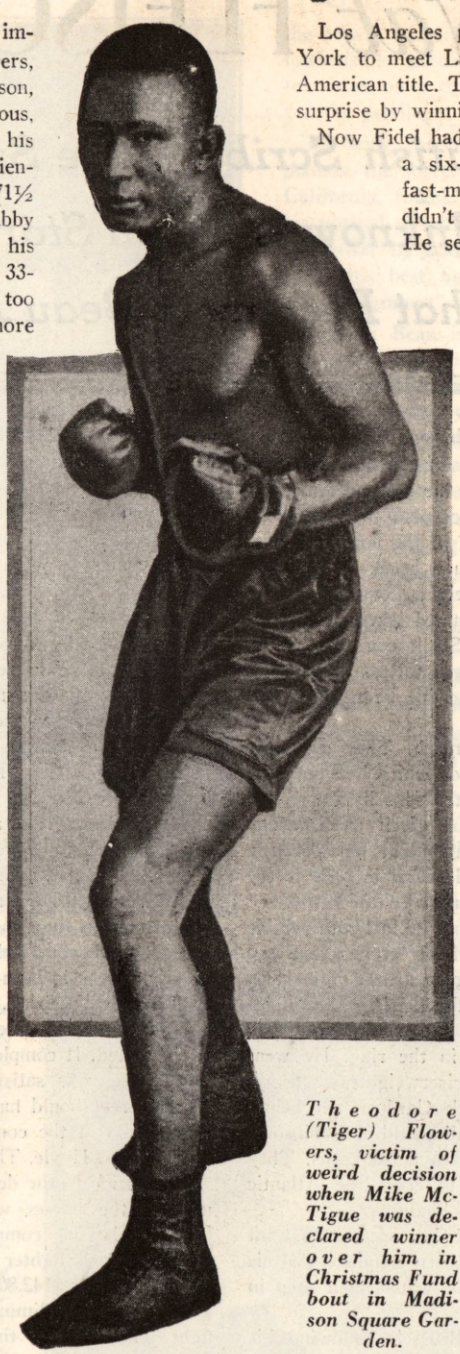
An unusual note was injected into the proceedings when the judges were announced. Unpopular decisions had marred several recent bouts, and persistent buzzings around town had the citizenry convinced that the errors hadn't been entirely unintentional. To assure an honest, unquestioned verdict in the McTigue-Flowers match, the State Athletic Commission came up with a sensational announcement. It would invite, to act as judges for this show, two gentlemen of impeccable integrity. Ardent sports fans, with a reasonable understanding of boxing, the guest officials were the mercantile magnate, Bernard Gimbel, and the banking big-wig, Peter J. Brady.

The referees, who were to split the role of third man in the ring, were two of the commission's top men, Ed Purdy and Bill (Kid) McPartland.

IN the opening preliminary was a promising youngster destined to become one of the ring's all-time greats. He was Tony Canzoneri, and he started the show off in impressive fashion by blasting out a four-round knockout over Danny Terris, younger brother of the illustrious Sid.

The next bout, a six-rounder, marked the New York introduction of a brilliant young California flyweight, Fidel LaBarba. As an amateur, LaBarba had won the National A.A.U. title in Boston, and had gone on from there to cop the Olympic championship in Paris.

Fidel had been fighting professionally less than a year when the untimely passing of Pancho Villa tossed the world title out into the open market. Frankie Genaro, who had beaten Villa three times, held the American championship and was a strong bidder for the world laurels.



Theodore (Tiger) Flowers, victim of weird decision when Mike McTigue was declared winner over him in Christmas Fund bout in Madison Square Garden.

Los Angeles promoters brought Genaro on from New York to meet LaBarba in a ten-round bout for Frankie's American title. The youthful LaBarba registered a stunning surprise by winning the decision.

Now Fidel had come east to show in New York, and in a six-round preliminary. His opponent was a fast-moving local entry, Lew Perfetti. LaBarba didn't look too impressive in the early rounds. He seemed puzzled by Perfetti's style. But he gradually found the answer to Lew's local tactics and handed the New Yorker a rough going-over in the closing stanzas to win decisively.

Flyweights also were sponsored in the next bout, a ten-rounder. The principals were Corporal Izzy Schwartz, one of America's best, and Ernie Jarvis, a flashy Britisher, who had become a popular favorite in New York. It was a ding-dong brawl all the way, Jarvis having the better of the long-range milling and Schwartz evening the count by better work in close quarters. The decision was a draw.

The semi-final, also over ten rounds, uncovered heavyweights — ponderous George Godfrey and shifty Martin Burke. Godfrey, with a weight pull of 43 pounds, proved too big and strong for the New Orleans redhead, and was the winner in a dreary pulling-and-hauling affair.

SINCE McPartland handled the semi-final, Purdy drew the refereeing assignment for McTigue and Flowers.

The Tiger started fast, scoring with a right and a left to McTigue's face in the opening seconds. Mike didn't seem to be bothered by Flowers' early outburst. The Tiger registered with two more rights and lefts, and McTigue missed with a left and a right of his own. Flowers crowded Mike against the ropes and outfought the Irishman in a fast exchange.

But McTigue suddenly ripped a right to the body that stung the Tiger, and followed with a jolting left hook to the jaw. Flowers came back fast, however, and was pouring in the leather in wholesale lots until just before the bell, when McTigue drove him into the ropes with a vicious left hook to the mid-section. The first round was Flowers' by a shade.

The Tiger was a clear winner in the second and third. He moved too fast for the deliberate McTigue, who seemed content to let the Georgian force the action while he maneuvered for openings for counters. Those openings didn't materialize, however, and McTigue collected a robust pasting for himself.

Mike began to show more aggressiveness in the fourth, and hurt Flowers with lusty body punches. It was McTigue's round.

During the furious milling in the fifth, one of Flowers' lefts dropped below the deadline, and McTigue appeared to be hurt. Purdy warned the Tiger. Flowers rushed McTigue to the ropes, but Mike scored with several effective right uppercuts to the Tiger's chin. The rivals staged a savage swapfest in mid-ring shortly before the bell. McTigue had a slight edge.

The fast pace apparently caught up to both McTigue and Flowers in the sixth, and the action slowed down somewhat. The Tiger, trying to keep the fighting at long range, scored well with both hands to McTigue's face, but Mike countered strongly, and one of his looping rights *(Continued on page 41)*

Nat FLEISCHER says:

British Scribes Give Sugar Ray Answer

"Unknowns" Gain Star Bouts via "Ring"

What Became of Beau Jack's Bank Roll?

THE quick knockout scored by Ray Robinson over Jean Stock in Sugar Ray's bow before European fans, made a hit with the Parisians who paid a huge sum to see the colorful American display his fistic wizardry. When Ray accepted the match, he was informed that Stock couldn't take it in the body and that the Paris fistic followers would be given a break if Robinson would take it easy with their middleweight. Ray decided to oblige, but apparently the signals were mixed when he got his information because the body is where Stock can take it but he has a weak chin. So when Robinson began to toss his punches at Stock's jaw, the damage was done and the Frenchman was knocked out.

But that kayo didn't displease the French. They gave the American a tremendous ovation the likes of which had not been equalled in many years. Ray's style took the fans by storm. All of which proved that the misinformation given to Robinson saved Ray and the promoter from what might have been a repetition of the dull Sugar Ray-Fusari title affair in New Jersey in which Ray was content to let his opponent go the route.

Though Ray made a hit with the Parisians, he lost considerable prestige in England due to the tactics of his press agent and manager, George Gainford. In attempting to arouse interest in the visit of the great American boxer to the British Isles, Gainford issued statements to the effect that there wasn't a figher in England willing to mix it with Ray in the ring. He went out on the limb challenging the British cruiserweight and heavyweight champions, Don Cockell and Jack Gardner, on behalf of Robinson, with the statement, "They're all afraid of Robinson."

To which the British scribes replied with poison pens. They inquired what made Sugar Ray afraid to cross the Atlantic Ocean for seven years. Was it the British fighters?

A rather strong insinuation. The British boxing writers went all out on Gainford and Ray and perhaps when Robinson and his retinue take another trip abroad, they will watch their step in their attacks on the British.

Ray got himself in "Dutch" also in Brussels following his knockout of Luc Van Dam of Holland in the fourth round. Though victor, he was booed roundly for what the Belgians, 15,000 of them, asserted was a low blow in the preceding round that made the Hollander an easy mark for the kayo that followed.

ONE of the worst defeats ever suffered by a British champion was that inflicted on Danny O'Sullivan at the Wembly Stadium of Johannesburg at the hands of Vic Toweel, world bantamweight champion. Danny, stopped in the tenth round of a one-sided contest in which the British titleholder was dropped twenty times—a world record for a title bout—was a pitiful sight as the fight ended. Pity that Trainer Jim Pettingell permitted his charge to take such punishment when he could have tossed the towel into the ring halting such a one sided affair!

The manner in which Toweel carried out the assault to gain his victory, indicates that in Vic, South Africa has a titleholder the equal of any who have ruled the roost during the past two decades. He should do well in America were he to make a trip to the States and he would be a welcome addition to the newcomers who are appearing with regularity in the House That Tex Built.

THE RING Magazine publisher, instead of waiting to present Vic with the world championship belt if and when he made an American trip, shipped the handsome trophy to Johannesburg with the general manager of the White City Stadium Club, Max Kanter, with instructions to present the trophy to Vic on behalf of THE RING. It was the 148th such award made to a world champion.

DOWN in Texas, a precedent was set in the fight game when a bout was called a no-contest, after the referee had permitted the affair to go the limit and the officials' tabs had been presented to the announcer. This was a most unusual procedure and is contrary to the rules of the sport.

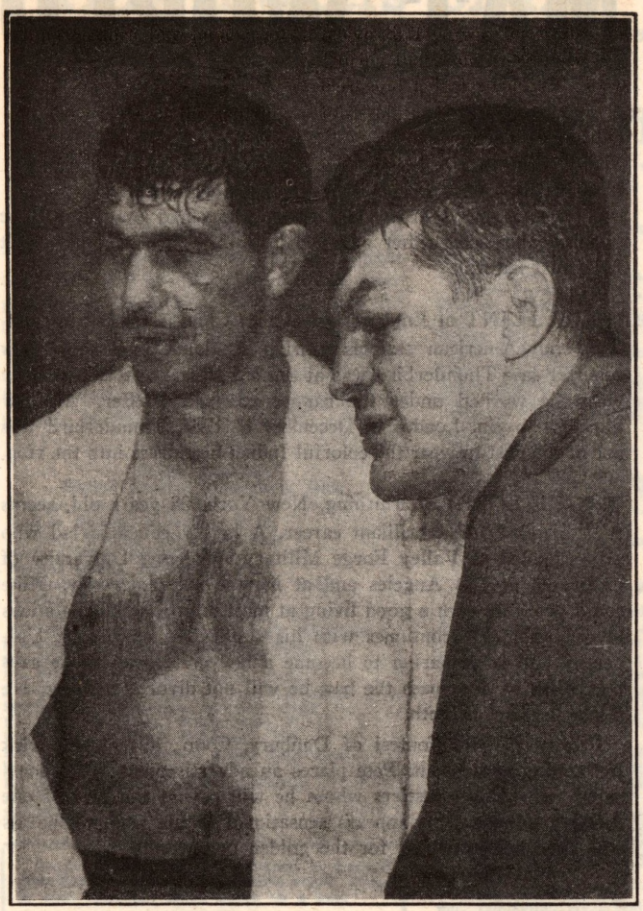
The decision was made by Referee Jack Lehman, who officiated in the fight between Bert Lytell and Oakland Billy Smith and brought considerable resentment from the managers, fighters and their supporters, as it should have. Though the battle was most uninteresting according to reports, Referee Lehman, had he been of the opinion that the boys were not giving their best, had the prorogative throughout the fight of disqualifying the men and rendering the "no-contest" decision. But to permit the boys to fight to the final bell and then offer such a verdict, has never to my knowledge been done. I think the official erred in making such a weird decision.

Fights that are called "no-contest" are halted before the fight is completed. If completed, it is an indication that the third man in the ring was satisfied that the men were doing their best. The referee should have tossed both out of the ring before the termination of the contest if he figured they were not fighting according to Hoyle. That would have been the proper procedure.

In addition to the decision, the money of the fighters was held up and the purses were impounded on orders of Joe Rios, El Paso boxing commissioner, and Stanley Caufield, another member. Each fighter was to get twenty percent of the small gate of $714 or $142.80 for the ten rounds. That sum is less than a four round preliminary boy obtains in a New York Garden fight. The cards of the two judges indicated a draw for each fighter and that's what would have been the decision had not the referee interceded and declared it "no-contest."

SPEAKING of said defeats, brings forth the fight between Beau Jack, former lightweight king in New York and Frankie Fernandez of Hawaii, the Territorial welterweight champion, in which Jack lost the unanimous decision. Beau has had tough sailing in recent months. At the time when he was New York's leading attraction and pulled down terrific purses, the public was led to believe that the former shoeshine kid would be well heeled for life because of the care his mentors were taking of his money. That was a mighty false conclusion.

Apparently they took exceptionally fine care of the dough because today Jack is fighting for so-called peanuts compared to what he earned in his prime, and all because he finds it necessary to continue in an effort to earn a living at a time when he should be a wealthy retired young man! Who is to blame for Beau's plight? An investigation is in line to discover where his bank roll, running into the thousands went. Beau Jack should be worth $100,000, based on his earnings. Where, or where, are the "millionaires" who were looking after Beau Jack's future?



Victor and vanquished in British Empire heavyweight title bout. Jack Gardner (left), and Bruce Woodcock whom Jack stopped.

the small gathering of 6667 in attendance who contributed towards the gate of $20,743, and the throng that viewed it on television on a coast-to-coast hookup without paying anything for the privilege.

By being forced to make weight and coming down to 170 pounds, the sorrel-topped Murphy, who hails from San Diego, California, found the going far tougher than had he been at his normal weight of 176. His opponent likewise lost most of his power by scaling several pounds beyond what he figures to be his best fighting weight. However, the fight was the "slambangingest" mill of the year.

Though Beau is not the hitter Murphy is, he handed his California rival many terrific clouts. Both men were on their feet when Referee Mark Conn, acting on instructions of Dr. Nardiello, halted the bout in 1:56 of the seventh round after Beau had been floored in the sixth for a count of nine and was about to sink again in the next session both from exhaustion and the battering he had received. It was Murphy's 47th knockout victory in 55 fights and his 11th straight kayo.

Murphy, like Rex Layne, owes his Eastern appearance to THE RING Magazine, who saw in each a fine prospect and called attention to their fighting qualities by naming them first as Prospects of the Month and later, in our world ratings. Through the year nine other fighters received recognition by the International Club matchmaker through attention focused on these young men in our columns.

Following his knockout victory in the Garden, Murphy, speaking to THE RING Editor, remarked:

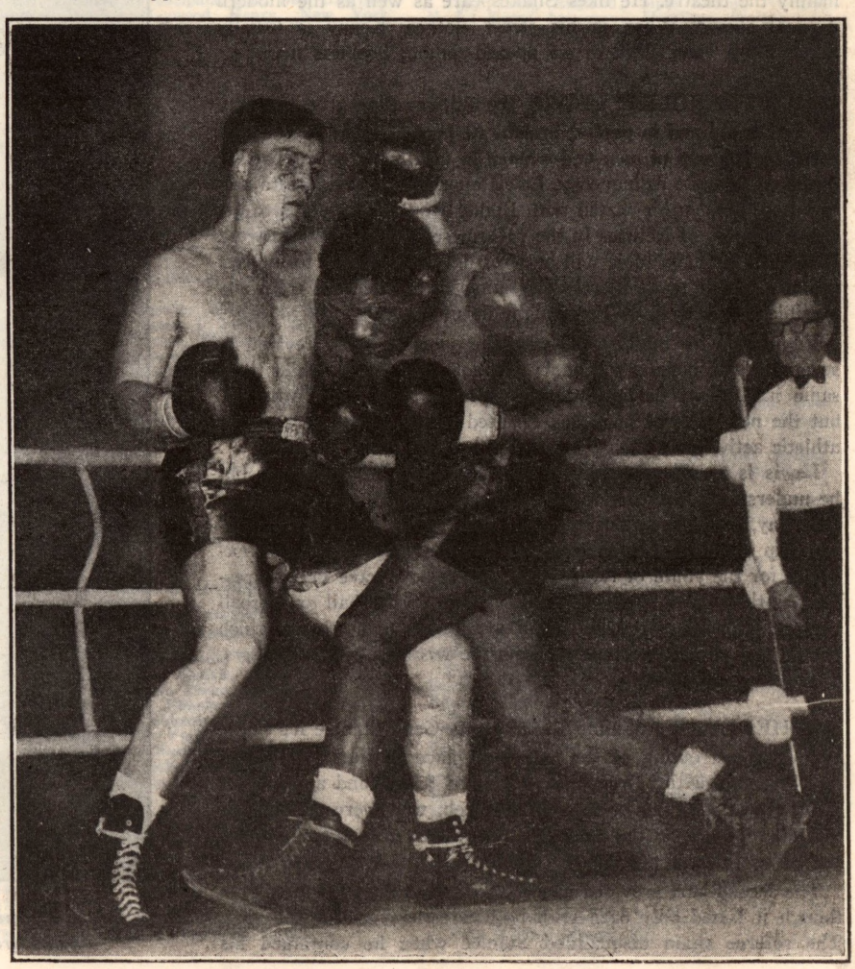
"I owe it all to THE RING. Were it not for the consistent attention given to my western performances in the publication, no one in the East would ever know who Bob Murphy is."

We accept that compliment because we on THE RING staff recognize its truth. Many foreigners and Americans owe their rise to fistic fame to THE RING. It is just what promoters call it, "The Bible of Boxing."

ADD to the upsets of the year the unanimous decision gained by Del Flanagan of St. Paul over world featherweight champion Sandy Saddler in an overweight match in which Del scaled 132¾ to 128¾ for the champ. Flanagan, given little chance to whip his opponent, came through with his fiftieth straight victory. He has never been defeated as a pro.

The contest, viewed by millions of television fans, didn't help popularize boxing because of the tactics used by each. Saddler lost the decision by a unanimous vote. Flanagan's hit and run style failed to appeal to the video spectators and his holding and wrestling brought adverse comment.

FOR all-around ring generalship, and clouting there have been many more ring battles staged in New York that carried more thrills and popular appeal, but from the standpoint of unadulterated slugging, the kind generally referred to as Pier Six fighting, I cannot recall a contest in the past decade, not excepting the sensational Graziano-Zale first battle, that surpassed the Bob Murphy-Jimmy Beau tilt in Madison Square Garden. It was a contest that will long live in the memory of



British cruiserweight champion Don Cockell (left), about to land a right on Lloyd Marshall in their fight at Earl's Court which the British champion won when the American was disqualified in the seventh round on a foul.

NEWS of the MAT WORLD

By STANLEY WESTON

WHILE covering the matches in New Jersey we noticed a particularly large gathering of female fans crowded around the dressing room entrance. Seeing persons waiting at the entrance for the wrestlers to make their appearance, is nothing unusual, but the sight of many women scrambling for a good position called for investigation.

We took a look at the program. We saw that Kenny Ackles was wrestling in the main event. Handsome Kenny, Toots Mondt's gift to the women of America. This young man from Boston has the unique ability to make all types of fans love him. His general appearance, clean-cut features and excellent style in the ring combine to make him one of wrestling's best attractions.

When we met in the dressing room, after he finished signing autographs, Ackles told of his early days in Boston and of the men who started him on his wrestling career. Somehow the discussion brought up the name of a wrestler who hadn't been heard of in close to twenty years, George "Dazzler" Clark. When Ackles said he remembered Clark, we were dumbfounded. "How old are you anyway, Kenny?" we asked. "Older than you think," he replied. He finally admitted to 33, but he looks about 25 at the most.

Ackles has been wrestling ten years, but he didn't reach the top until recently. Television, in his opinion, did the trick. It brought him into millions of homes and introduced him to fans who otherwise would never have known he existed. His appeal at the box office rates with that of Gene Stanlee or Rocca, and what's more his popularity is still growing, with no sign of decline.

Kenny Ackles has toured the nation from Coast to Coast and has wrestled the best men in the business. His outside interests are mainly the theatre. He likes Shakespeare as well as the modern musical shows. When in his street clothes, Kenny is usually taken for a bank clerk or an up-and-coming business man.

ED "STRANGLER" LEWIS, the old wrestling great, is sixty years old and in perfect health. At present he is being sponsored by a group of men and women in California to combat the forces of juvenile delinquency. Lewis appeared in Chicago to second Lou Thez in his match with Buddy Rogers. He plans to arrange a series of lectures in the reform schools of the Mid-west. Naturally his main topic will be wrestling. His plan is to interest the lads in the sport thereby diverting their attention from any possible criminal ideas they might be nursing.

Ed notes with interest the way the sport is being revived in several of the country's schools and colleges. For a while these same institutions dropped wrestling from their sport program, but the new interest in it has resulted in its return as a major athletic activity.

Lewis is an advocate of the orthodox style of wrestling, but he understands how rough the sport has become. If they want it that way, that's their business, but foul tactics and poor sportsmanship should not be tolerated at any time as it sets a bad example for the youth of the country. These boys have taken wrestlers as their idols, much the same as they do baseball or football players. The old Strangler has a very good point there, which should rate some consideration from the wrestlers and promoters. It makes good sense.

WHENEVER Antonino Rocca meets Gene Stanlee it's news. The last outing of the pair took place in Hartford, Conn., on November 29th. They drew a gate of $3,004 and a crowd of 1,701. Rocca was the favorite of the mob, who were rooting for him all the way. In the first fall, the referee disqualified Stanlee for failing to break after he reached the count of four. Time 20:15.

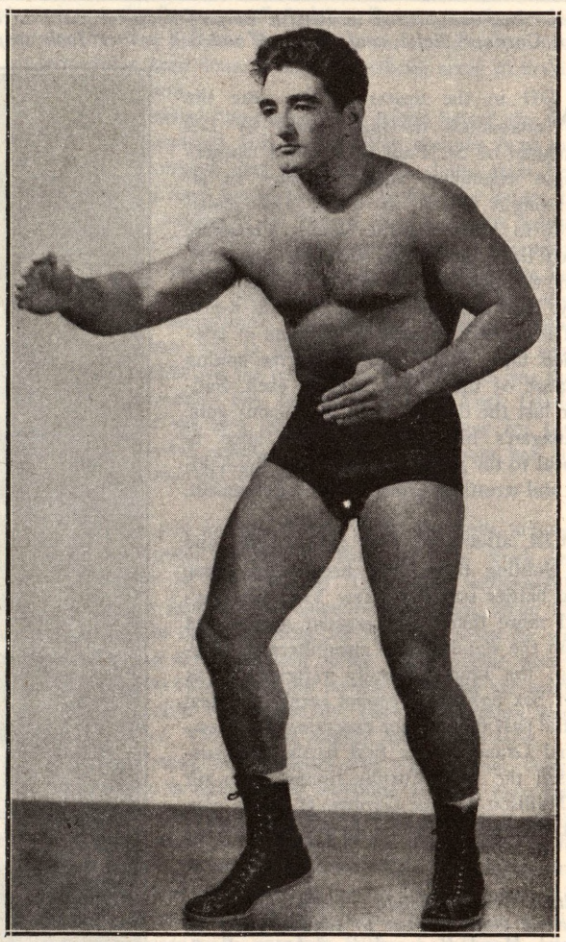
The second part provided much more action than the first, even though it lasted only 6:25 with both wrestlers outside the ring. The referee again disqualified Stanlee when he continued his roughhouse tactics after receiving repeated warnings.

As was reported in the last issue, Rocca and Stanlee will be pitted against each other again and again. Whenever they meet it's a mat natural.

E. W. FLINT of England writes that Chief Thunderbird, veteran American star, is touring England. Last time your reporter saw Thunderbird was at the old New York Hippodrome when he worked under the banner of Jack Pfeffer. We saw him lose to Jim Londos in December of 1937. Thunderbird was one of the first to wear the colorful Indian headdress into the ring.

MIKE LORDI of Flushing, New York, 28 years old, seems headed for a brilliant career. A highly educated lad who was schooled at Valley Forge Military Academy, University of California at Los Angeles and at New York University, Mike could probably earn a good living at most anything, but he sticks to grappling. He continues with his studies at New York University and is preparing to become a lawyer. However, he says that when he does pass the bar, he will not divorce the mat. He thinks he can do both.

Promoter Pete Montesi of Danbury, Conn., has a neat trick for getting new talent. Pete places an advertisement in the local paper requesting wrestlers whom he will pay at the rate of one dollar a minute. This appears sensational to the young hopefuls who turn out in droves for the golden opportunity.



Mike Lordi, Flushing, New York heavyweight star, a well-educated grappler, who has a large following.

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Rated *by* "THE RING" *for* 1950

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AS in past years, the ratings listed below are the result of considerable thought and study and not recorded through mere guesswork. THE RING Editor has had the assistance of an able staff, consisting of his co-workers on THE RING and his correspondents in gathering the data necessary for a world-wide ranking of pugilists as appears in this issue.

Heavyweights

World Champion
Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio

1—Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.
2—Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J.
3—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio
4—Lee Oma, Detroit, Mich.
5—Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
6—Clarence Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Rex Layne, Lewiston, Utah
8—Jersey Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J.
9—Jack Gardner, Marketborough, England
10—Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
11—Roland LaStarza, New York City
12—Willie Bean, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Cesar Brion, Buenos Aires, Argentina
14—Omelio Agramonte, Havana, Cuba
15—Elkin Brothers, Washington, D. C.
16—Frankie Buford, Oakland, Calif.
17—Abel Cestac, Buenos Aires, Argentina
18—Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa.
19—Hein ten Hoff, Berlin, Germany
20—Vern Mitchell, Detroit
21—Heinz Neuhaus, Germany

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Class A

Freddy Beshore, Oakland, Calif.; Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, O.; Tony Bosnich, San Francisco, Calif.; Levi Bryant, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gino Buonvino, Bari, Italy; Grant Butcher, San Francisco, Calif.

Ted Calaman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.

Bob Dunlap, Oakland, Calif.

Vern Escoe, Toronto, Canada.

Tommy Farr, Tonypandy, Wales; Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N. Y.

Richard Grupe, Hamburg, Germany; Arturo Godoy, Chile; Tommy Gomez, Tampa, Fla.

John Holman, Chicago, Ill.; Al Hoosman, New York, N. Y.

Gene Jones, Camden, N. J.

Joe Kahut, Woodburn, Ore.; Curt Kennedy, Wichita, Kan.

Stephene Olek, Paris, France.

George Parmentier, Eureka, Calif.; Rusty Payne, San Diego, Calif.; Sid Peaks, Louisville, Ky.; Bill Peterson, Portland, Ore.

Odell Riley, Detroit, Mich.

Heinz Seelich, Germany; Duilio Spagnola, Italy; George Stern, Manchester; Piet Strydon, Johannesburg, South Africa; Karel Sys, Brussels, Belgium.

Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.

Eddie Van, Shoeburyness, England.

Andy Walker, San Francisco, Calif.; Jo Weidin, Vienna, Austria; Bill Weinberg, Chelsea, Mass.; Harry Wills, Los Angeles, Calif.; Aaron Wilson, Birmingham, Ala.; Bruce Woodcock, Doncaster, England.

Class B

Phil Alston, Long Island, N. Y.; Reg Andrews, England; Johnny Arthur, South Africa; Ray Augustus, Topeka, Kan.

Emil Bentz, France; Mike Buha, St. Louis, Mo.

Don Campbell, Scotland; Mickey Carter, Birmingham, Ala.; Lonnie Clark, Philadelphia, Pa.; Willie Clemmons, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dutch Culbertson, Los Angeles, Calif.

Freddie Fiducia, Newark, N. J.; Bob Flanagan, London, Ont., Canada; Jack Flood, Seattle, Wash.

Alf Gallagher, Australia; Bill Gilliam, Newark, N. J.; Hardrock Gordon, Rosebury, Ore.; Augustine Guedes, Palmerton, Pa.

Richard Hagen, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Haynes, New York, N. Y.; Art Henri, Jamaica, N. Y.; Charles Patrick Henry, Belfast, Ireland; Jack Hobbs, England.

Maynard Jones, Wilmington, Del.

George Kaplan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Adolph Kleinholdermann, Germany; Wilson Kohlbrecher, Germany.

Joe Lindsay, New York, N. Y.

Marty Marshall, Detroit, Mich.; Giorgio Milan, Italy; Jim Moran, England; Don Mullett, New Zealand.

Karl Nielson, Denmark; Gunnar Nillson, Sweden; Charley Norkus, Bayonne, N. J.; George Nuttall, England.

Jose Ochoa, Boise, Ida.

Junior Payne, Oakland, Calif.; Gordon Pouliot, Wadena, Minn.

Al Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jimmy Russo, Tampa, Fla.

Buddy Scott, Jacksonville, Fla.; Keene Simmons, Jersey City, N. J.; Paddy Slavin, Ireland; Bobby Spaeth, Topeka, Kan.; Al Spaulding, San Diego, Calif.; Reg Spring, England.

Jimmy Tendo, Boston, Mass.; Heinz Titze, Germany.

Nino Valdez, Havana, Cuba; Jerry van Wyk, South Africa.

Coley Wallace, Richmond, Va.; Earl Walls, Toronto, Canada; James Walls, Englewood, N. J.; Bill Wilson, Hickory, N. C.; Werner Wiegand, Luxembourg; Piet Wilde, Belgium; Ray Wilding, England; Ken Wyatt, England.

Class C

George Abinet, Orlando, Fla.; Reggie Allen, Belfast, Ireland; Hugo Alvarez, Havana, Cuba.

Wesbury Bascom, East St. Louis, Mo.; Elliot Beckham, Cleveland, O.; Howard Berger, New York, N. Y.; Harry Bernsten, Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, N. Y., Battling Blackjack, Phoenix, Ariz.; Eddie Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Eugene Kid Brown, Omaha, Neb.; Joe Brown, Abington, Mass.; Fred Buroza, Cranston, R. I.

Billy Carter, Vancouver, Canada; Bobby Castro, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Charles, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dick Cherry, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Coviello, Dunmore, Pa

Embrell Davidson, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmy DeLange, New York, N. Y.; Ponce DeLeon, Spokane, Wash.; Johnny Dilley, Jersey City, N. J.

John Emory, Bronx, New York; Jack Ennis, Toronto, Canada.

Jimmy Gambino, New York, N. Y.; Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky.; Bob Golden, Denver, Colo.; Benny Goodwyn, Montclair, N. J.; Bobby Graham, Rochester, N. Y.

Earl Haines, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ben Harrison, Seattle, Wash.; Haywood Henry, New York, N. Y.; Jack Herman, Chicago, Ill.; Whitey Hoffman, Bayonne, N. J.; Jack Huber, Dallas, Tex.

Jimmy Indiana, Los Angeles, Calif.; Les Irwin, Toronto, Canada.

Bob Jenkins, Louisville, Ky.

Syl Kuchinsky, Buffalo, N. Y.

Jimmy LaChance, Vancouver, B. C.; Charley Lee, Cincinnati, O.; Gene Leonard, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Leon McClinton, Chicago, Ill.; George McDonald, Lansing, Mich.; Harvey Mack, Detroit, Mich.; Jojo Malanga, New York, N. Y.; Lloyd Michigan, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Mozdele, New Kensington, Pa.; Dan Moray, Cleveland, O.

Jack Nelson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Gil Newkirk, New York, N. Y.

Johnny O'Neill, Oakland, Calif.; John Orgen, New York, N. Y.

Billy Pappas, Seattle, Wash.; Sonny Parisi, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James J. Parker, Toronto, Canada; Shirley Pemberton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Claude Rolfe, Tampa, Fla.

Hank Saxen, Staten Island, N. Y.; Ralph Schneider, Highland Park, N. J.; Jimmy Sheets, Chicago, Ill.. Carl Shobe, San Antonio, Tex.; John Summerlin, Detroit, Mich.

Lou Thrasher, Boston, Mass.; Dave Tittman, Walla Walla, Wash.

Johnny Vetcher, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Johnny Vinegar, Cincinnati, O.

Neil Wallace, Charlotte, N. C.; George Washington, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ike Welcome, New York, N. Y.; Clyde Williams, Hinton, W. Va.; Ronnie Wolf, Cincinnati, O.

Light-heavyweights

World Champion
Joey Maxim, Cleveland, Ohio

1—Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
2—Harry Matthews, Seattle, Wash.
3—Bob Murphy, San Diego, Calif.
4—Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
5—Nick Barone, Syracuse, N. Y.
6—Jim Slade, New York City
7—Doc Williams, Newark, N. J.
8—Connie Rux, Berlin, Germany
9—Don Cockell, London, England
10—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.
11—Willi Hoepner, Hamburg, Germany
12—Bert Lytell, Fresno, Calif.
13—Tommy Yarosz, Monaca, Pa.
14—Reuben Jones, Norfolk, Va.
15—Billy Smith, Oakland, Calif.
16—Albert Yvel, Algeria
17—Dave Whitlock, San Francisco, Calif.
18—Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.
19—Leonard Morrow, Oakland, Calif.

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Class A

Mel Brown, St. Paul, Minn.

Frankie Daniels, Bakersfield, Calif.

Mark Hart, England; Gerhardt Hecht, Germany.

Julie Keene, Washington, D. C.

Ted Lowry, West Haven, Conn.

Yolanda Pompee, Trinidad.

Dolph Quijano, El Paso, Tex.

Frank Ronkovich, Toole, Utah.

Willi Schagen, Holland, Heinz Sachs, Germany.

Renato Tontini, Italy.

Conrad Voght, Berlin, Germany.

Dick Wagner, Toppenish, Wash.; Chubby Wright, Reacing, Pa.

Class B

Bob Amos, Detroit, Mich.

Clinton Bacon, Chicago, Ill. Johnny Barton, England; Marcel Begeot, France; Hal Boylston, Jacksonville, Fla.

Jimmy Carroll, England; Tommy Caswell, England; Allan Cooke, England; Lucien Corenthin, France.

Gentle Daniel, Trinidad; Billy Davis, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dave Davis, England; Garnett Denny, Ireland; Victor Dhaes, Belgium; Wally Diamond, Jamaica. B.W.I.

Tony Elizondo, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Dick Finley, Wilmington, Del.; Gene Fowler, Canada.

Jackie Harris, Troy, N. Y. Jacques Hairabedian, France; Alf Hinez, England; Diether Hucks Germany.

Art Jarrett, Worcester, Mass.; Rocky Jones, Chester, Pa.; Rodney Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.

Kid Yova, Havana, Cuba.

Billy Kilroy, Birmingham, Ala.; Jack Krynauw, South Africa.

Tony Lord, England; Sipio Lofton, Newark, N. J.; Kenny Lovegrove, Hamilton, Canada.

Johnny McGowan, England; Jackie Marr, Australia; Al Marson, England; Teddy Mason, England.

Dan Nardico, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jerry Nolan, England; Glen Northcutt, Spokane, Wash.

Bernardo Pacini, Italy; Ross Pippett, Australia; Dennis Powell, Wales.

Al Rosasco, New York, N. Y.; Jimmy Rousse, Hamilton, Canada; Lonnie Rutherford, Roanoke, Virginia.

Earl Sabotin, Warren, O.; Paul Schirrmann, Germany; Larry Shaw, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Freddie Sketh, England; Skeets Starkey, Cumberland, Md.; Willie Steynberg, South Africa; Pat Stribling, England; Johnny Swanson, Buffalo, N. Y.

Cal Vernon, Milwaukee, Wis.

Tiger Warrington, Nova Scotia, Canada; Dave Williams, Wales; Bill Wood, South Africa.

Eddie Zastre, Montreal, Canada.

Class C

Dick Allen, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lee Baldwin, Freeport, N. Y.; Johnny Barnett, Springfield, Mass.; Johnny Black, Aiken, S. C.

Alan Casey, Orange, N. J.; Eddie Cotton, Seattle, Wash.; Pete Couvaris, New York, N. Y.; O'Neal Crocker, Houston, Tex.

Matthew Daniels, Washington, D. C.; Chuck Davis, Johnstown, Pa.; Tommy DeMers, Sands Point, Ida.

Wayne Eckhardt, New York, N. Y.

Abel Fernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gabe Freeman, Los Angeles, Calif.

James Gadson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Gallo, Detroit, Mich.; Eddie Godbold, New York, N. Y.; Freddy Greenfield, Garfield, N. J.; Esco Greenwood, Washington Heights, N. Y.

Claude Hale, Buffalo, N. Y.; Joey Hartfield, Omaha, Neb.; Jan Henri, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ronny Hopp, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tony Johnson, New York, N. Y.

Earl Keel, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dave Kelly, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lonnie Malone, Los Angeles, Calif.; Felix Mann, Buffalo, N. Y.; Angel Martinez, Newark, N. J.; LeRoy Miller, Chicago, Ill.; Herbert Moore, Cincinnati, O.

Billy Parker, Boise, Ida.; Windmill Pearce, Phoenix, Ariz.; Eddie Plouffe, Waterbury, Conn.

Tommy Ragucci, Staten Island, N. Y.

Harold Sampson, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Boyd Smith, Dallas, Tex.; Mike Sobel, Montreal, Canada.

Billy Taylor, Jamaica, N. Y.

John Wilder, Macon, Ga.

Middleweights

World Champion
Jake LaMotta, New York, N. Y.

1—Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.
2—Laurent Dauthuille, Paris, France
3—Dave Sands, Newcastle, Australia
4—Randolph Turpin, London, England
5—Robert Villemain, Paris, France
6—Jimmy Beau, New Canaan, Conn.
7—Eugene Hairston, New York, N. Y.
8—Ray Barnes, Detroit, Mich.
9—Walter Cartier, New York, N. Y.
10—Art Towne, New York, N. Y.
11—Rocky Graziano, New York, N. Y.
12—Ronnie Delaney, Akron, Ohio
13—Paddy Young, New York, N. Y.
14—Tony Janiro, Youngstown, Ohio
15—Fernando Janilli, Italy
16—Claude Ritter, Paris, France
17—Carl Olson, Honolulu, T. H.
18—Tiberio Mitri, Trieste

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Class A

George Angelo, South Africa; Charley Anglee, Pawtucket, R. I.; Richard Armah, Gold Coast, South Africa; Joe Arthur, Indianapolis, Ind.

Jose Basora, Puerto Rico; Steve Belloise, Bronx, N. Y.; Joe Blackwood, Paterson, N. J.; Henry Brimm, Buffalo, N. Y.; Boy Brooks, Manila, Philippine Islands; Billy Brown, Hartford, Conn.; Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Alex Buxton, England.

Rocky Castellani, Luzerne, Pa.; Burl Charity, Youngstown, O.; Jimmy Curl, Houston, Tex.

Bobby Dawson, New York, N. Y.; Baby Day, Wilmington, Del.; Joey DeJohn, Syracuse, N. Y.; Cyrille Delannoit, Belgium; George Dilkes, England; Sal DiMartino, Hartford, Conn.; Len Dittman, Australia; Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.; Alessandro D'Ottavio, Italy.

Albert Finch, England; Jimmy Flood, Yorkville, N. Y.; Ivano Fontana, Italy.

Otis Graham, Philadelphia, Pa.; Harold Green, Brooklyn, N. Y.

George (Wildcat) Henry, New York, N. Y.; Henry Hall, England; Jimmy Herring, Ozone Park, N. Y.; Sonny Horne, Niles, O.; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, O.

Major Jones, Kansas City, Mo.; Joe Juliano, New York, N. Y.

Jackie Keough, Cleveland, O.; Jimmy King, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Don Lee, Edison, Neb.; Henry Lee, Boston, Mass.

Bobby Mann, Trenton, N. J.; Duggie Miller, South Africa; Holly Mims, Washington, D. C.; Curtis Moore, Newark, N. J.; Peter Muller, Germany.

Paul Pender, Brookline, Mass.; Tuzo Portuguez, Costa Rica; Johnny Potenti, Worcester, Mass.; Rod Pudney, England.

Anton Raadik, Chicago, Ill.; Tommy Ramirez, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Joe Rindone, Roxbury, Mass. J. T. Ross, San Jose, Calif.

Lee Sala, Donora, Pa.; Milo Savage, Seattle, Wash.; George Sherman, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Art Soto, Oakland, Calif.; Jean Stock, France; Ken Stribling, Washington, D. C.

Jimmy (Midget) Taylor, New York, N. Y.; Joe Taylor, Binghamton, N. Y.; Dick Turpin, England.

Lou Valles, New York, N. Y.; Luc Van Dam, Holland; Chico Varona, Cuba.

Jean Walzack, France; Jean Wanes, France; Jimmy Welch, Columbus, O.; Alvin Williams, Wichita, Kan.; Lou Woods, Detroit, Mich.; Roy Wouters, Vancouver, Canada.

Class B

Arthur Acha, Belgium; Kid Alfonso, Monroe, Mich.; Armando Amanini, Rome, Italy; Marcelino Armentero, Havana, Cuba; Tommy Armour, Ireland; Frankie Augustain, Los Angeles, Calif.

Serge Barthelemy, Guadaloupe; Tommy Bazzano, Middletown, Conn.; Joe Beckett, England; Mac Begin, Quebec, Canada; Sal Belloise, Bronx, N. Y.; Jackie Brown, Ireland; Gene Bolden, Chicago, Ill.; Ben Buker, Spain; Jackie Burke, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Van Butler, Trenton, N. J.; Pat Byers Reading, Pa.

Jay Caldwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Casson, England; Charley Cato, San Diego, Calif.; Jimmy Cerello, Jersey City, N. J.; Gaston Chambraud, France; Vinnie Cidone, New York, N. Y.; Bob Cleaver, England; Rocky Committello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jose Contreras, Fall River, Mass.; Billy Corbett, Cedro Wooley, Wash.; Palomo Corrales, Tucson, Ariz.; Al Couture, Auburn, Me.; Bruce Crawford, England.

Richard Dallas, New York, N. Y.; Tommy Davies, Wales; Rod Deamer, England; Gus Degouve, France; Giel DeRoode, Holland; Artie Diamond, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe DiMartino, Bridgeport, Conn.; Lafavette Drummond, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Duke, Los Angeles, Calif.; Yvon Durelle, New Brunswick, Canada.

Buddy Farrell, Newark, N. J.; Wiley Ferguson, Miami, Fla.; Billy Fifield, Toronto, Canada; Benny Flake, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Tony Gandolfo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rocky Gatlin, New Orleans, La.; Joe Giardello, Southwark, Pa.; Ralph Gonzales, Mt. Carmel, Pa.; Louis Gray, St. Louis, Mo.

Eddie Halligan, Spokane, Wash.; Vic Harrison, England; Ralph Helms, Rock Springs, Wyo.; Gordon Hazell, England; Chuck Higgens, Ellwood City, Pa.; Albert Heyen, Belgium; Henry Holt, Danbury, Conn.; Hubert Hooks, Chicago, Ill.; Norman Horton, Providence, R. I.; Nap Howard, Los Angeles, Calif.

Randy Ingram, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bobby James, Jamaica, N. Y.; Willie Jenkins, Homestead, Pa.; Pedro Jiminez, Vallejo, Calif.; Mac Joachim, India; Don Johnson, Australia; Ralph Jones, White Plains, N. Y.

Paul Kaylor, Sacramento, Calif.; Lucien Krawczyk, France.

Dick Langley, England; Jimmy Langston, Vancouver, Canada; Michel Lapourielle, France; Sammy LaRotta, Bellville, N. J.; Joe Lassiter, Charlotte, N. C.; Speedy Lawrence, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sonny Levitt, New York, N. Y.; Eduardo Lopez, Spain.

Bernard McCloskey, Nova Scotia, Canada; Cobey McCloskey, Nova Scotia, Canada; Carey Mace, Hartford, Conn.; Giovanni Manca, Italy; Kid Marcel Algeria; Eddie Marshall, Washington, D. C.; Tony Masciarelli, New York, N. Y.; Tom Meli, Ireland; Hal Meredith, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Widmer Milandri, Italy; Terry Moore, Baltimore, Md.; Floyd Morris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bos Murphy, New Zealand.

Johnny Nuttall, India.

Chico Pacheco, Brazil; Garth Panter, Preston, Utah; Paul Perkins, Salt Lake City, Utah; William Poli, Italy.

Walter Raadschelders, Germany; Bruce Richardson, Toronto Canada; Roland Romano, Algeria; Job Roos, Holland; Ken Rowlands, Wales; Georges Royer, France; Jacques Royer, France; Danny Ruggerio, New York, N. Y.

Young Salvatore, Oakland, Calif.; Hurley Sanders, Newark, N. J.; Heinz Sanger, Germany; Antonio Soldevilla, Spain; Michael Stack, England; Bob Stecher, Portland, Me.; Billy Stevens, Scotland; Gilbert Stock, France; Hans Stretz, Germany.

Art Tatta, New Haven, Conn.; Fred Teichmann, Germany; Earl Turner, Richmond, Calif.

Piet Van Staden, South Africa; Tommy Varsos, Milwaukee, Wis.; Joe Vincenzi, France; Carmine Vitale, New York, N. Y.

Emil Terry Wagner, Milwaukee, Wis.; Sammy Walker, Springfield, Mass.; Bob Ward, San Francisco, Calif.; Jim Wellard, England; Don Whittle, Salt Lake City, Utah; Roger Whynott, Halifax, Canada; Sammy Wilde, Gold Coast, South Africa; Jackie Wilson, Roxbury, Mass.; Al Winn, New York, N. Y

Class C

Reno Abelliro, Honolulu, Hawaii; Dean Abney, Salem, Ore.; Tony Amato, Jersey City, N. J.; Andy Anderson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Red Arrow, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Joe Aurillo, Chester, Pa.

Duke Balcerzak, Toledo, O.; Frankie Belanger, Quebec City, Canada; Alton Bell, New London, Conn.; Johnny Bernardo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Orville Bitney, Omaha, Neb.; Gene Boland, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Bonadies, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Boogich, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jesse Bradshaw, Buffalo, N. Y.; Joe Brewer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Art Brown, Los Angeles Calif.; Bobby Brown, Detroit, Mich.; James Brown, Bridgeport, Conn.; Johnny Brown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leon Brown, Hartford, Conn.; Mack Brown, Danbury, Conn.; Sammy Brown, New York, N. Y.; Joe Brunwasser, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ray Bryan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gene Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pa.; James Burgos, Puerto Rico; Artie Burke, Worcester, Mass.

Cab Calloway, Bloomfield, Pa.; Ralph Campagnone, Providence, R. I.; Gene Cartwright, Dayton, O.; Frankie Catania, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bobby Ceasar, Troy, N. Y.; George Clark, New York, N. Y.; Jackie Clark, Billings, Mont.; Al Cliff, Portland, Ore.; Jimmy Collins, San Francisco, Calif.; Jackie Condon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Earl Cook, Vancouver, B. C., Canada; Bobby Copeland, New York, N. Y.; Benny Cordoba, Albuquerque, N. M.; J. Crackwell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frankie Crane, Seattle, Wash.; Sam Crawford, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Johnny Crosby, New York, N. Y.; Tommy Cunniff, Inwood, Long Island, N. Y.

Bobby Daniels Duluth, Minn.; Roy Daniels, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe Danos, Denver, Colo.; Omar Dart, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Katon DePena, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe DiLiberio, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bill Dockery, New York, N. Y.; Martin Doyle, Detroit, Mich.; Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill.; Harold Drucker, New York, N. Y.; Dennis Duane, Milwaukee, Wis.; Kelly Duncan, Charlotte, N. C.; Al Dyckman, Bronx, N. Y.

Garland Edwards, Seattle, Wash.; Sid Edwards, Newark, N. J.; Jimmy Elby, Toledo, O.; Tommy Engelhardt, Astoria, Long Island, N. Y.

Esau Ferdinand, San Francisco, Calif.; Joey Fernandez, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Johnny Fisher, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Clem Fitzpatrick, Ozone Park, N. Y.; Jerry Fleming, Rochester, N. Y.; Sal Flores, Los Angeles, Calif.; Matty Flynn, Bellevue, Pa.

Joe Gaeto, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Garcia, Puerto Rico; Ernie Genell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Russ Gillam, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Gillespie, New York, N. Y.; Mike Gillo, New Haven, Conn.; Chuck Goldsby, Washington, D. C.; Joe Gonzales, San Francisco, Calif.; Billy Gordon, Fall River, Mass.; Cecil Graff, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Chuck Green, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Green, Kannapolis, N. C.; Joe Green, Asheville, S. C.; Willie Green, Huntington, Pa.

James Hardy, New York, N. Y.; Eddie Harris, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Paul Hawks, Detroit, Mich.; Jerry Heimowitz Brooklyn, N. Y.; Al Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.; John Hickson, Bronx, N. Y.; Moe Hill, Jamaica, N. Y.; George Holzman, Bayonne, N. J.; Harold Hulliet, Macy, Neb.; Gordon Hunt, Cleveland, O.

Grover Jackson, San Francisco, Calif.; John Jennings, New London, Conn.; Louis Johnson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ben Jones, Tarboro, N. C.; Cordell Jones, San Francisco, Calif.; Don Jones, Lincoln Park, Mich.

Ray Kelly, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gust Kempf, Watertown, S. D.; Paul Kennedy, Longview, Ore.; Duke Koerkle, Bayonne, N. J.

Joe LaScala, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bill Lawton, Detroit, Mich.; Don Layton, Asbury Park, N. J.; Freddie Lott, Newark, N. J.; Ray Louis, Miami, Fla.; Angelo Luongo, New York, N. Y.; Chuck Lyons, Seattle, Wash.

Tex McAllister, Jacksonville, Fla.; Morrie McFarland, Los Angeles, Calif.; Felix Mastro, New York, N. Y.; Bert Mendoza, Los Angeles, Calif.; Freddie Menna, New York, N. Y.; George Meyers, Boston, Mass.; Guy Miller, Huntington, W. Va.; Bobby Morgan, Elmont, N. Y.; Roger Muriel, Newark, N. J

Johnny Noel, New York, N. Y.

Eddie O'Neill, Detroit, Mich.; Louis Ortiz, San Jose, Calif.

Bobby Peck, Scranton, Pa.; Ben Perez, Puerto Rico; Lou Pompey, Scranton, Pa.; Ernie Pratt, Providence, R. I.; Johnny Pratt, Washington, D. C.; Ray Pratt, Cranston, R. I.; Loren Pro, Los Angeles, Calif.

Tommy Reece, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Bob Reed, Detroit, Mich. Tony Renteria, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Roberts, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rudy Romero, Los Angeles, Calif.; Gus Rubicini, Toronto, Canada.

Rocky Slater, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jerry Slavin, Hopkins, Minn.; Chester Slider, Fresno, Calif.; Don Smith, Cincinnati, O.; Nate Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Cassil Tate, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jimmy Taylor, Ocala, Fla.; Billy Tinsdale, Detroit, Mich.; Lloyd Triplett, Milwaukee, Wis.; Joe Trode, Philadelphia, Pa.

Arthur Wallace Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gordon Wallace, Ontario, Canada; Clifton Waters, Oakland, Calif.; Wilbur Wilson, Boston, Mass.; Stanley Wysocki, New York, N. Y.

Billy Zaduck, Toronto, Canada; Don Zimbardo, Union, N. J.

Welterweights

World Champion
Ray Robinson, New York, N. Y.

(Group 1)

1—George Costner, Philadelphia
2—Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba
3—Billy Graham, New York, N. Y.
4—Charley Fusari, Irvington, N. J.
5—Eddie Thomas, Merthyr, Wales
6—Johnny Saxton, New York, N. Y.
7—Mickey Tollis, Sydney, Australia
8—Lester Felton, Detroit, Mich.
9—Charley Cotton, Toledo, Ohio
10—Joe Miceli, New York, N. Y.
11—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.

(Group 2)

1—Jesse Flores, Stockton, Calif.
2—Charley Salas, Phoenix, Ariz.
3—Bobby Dykes, San Antonio, Texas
4—Charles Humezt, France
5—Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I.
6—Nick Moran, Mexico City, Mexico
7—Gene Burton, New York, N. Y.
8—Frankie Fernandez, Honolulu, T. H.

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Class A

Frankie Abrams, Detroit, Mich.; Les Allen, England; Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.

Ken Bailey, Australia; Joey Barnum, Los Angeles, Calif., Roger Baour, France; Elmer Beltz, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jack Braddock, England; Phil Burton, St. Louis, Mo.

Vic Cardell, Hartford, Conn.; Auguste Caulet, France; Johnny Cesario, Boston, Mass.; Christenson Christian, Denmark; Tommy Ciarlo, Wilson, Conn., George Clausener, France; El Conscripto, Mexico City, Mexico; Titi Clavel, France; Cliff Curvis, Wales.

Leon Daugherty, Seattle, Wash.; Emile Delmine, Belgium; Bernard Docusen, New Orleans, La.; Roger Donoghue, Yonkers, N. Y.

Bob Frost, England.

Norman Gent, Australia; Eddie Giosa, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Greco, Montreal, Canada; Al Guido, New York, N. Y.

Henri Hecquart, France.

Beau Jack, Augusta, Ga.; Stonewall Jackson, Washington, D. C.; Clarence Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Philip Kim, Honolulu, T. H.; Mike Kobella, Pittsburgh, Pa.

John LaBroi, Gary, Ind.; Pierre Langlois, France; Gilbert Lavoine, France; Al Marotti, Salt Lake City, Utah; Bruce Marostegan, France; Livio Minelli, Italy; Al Mobley, Newark, N. J.;

Antonio Monzon, Spain; Nick Moran, Mexico City, Mexico.

Michele Palermo, Italy; Tony Pellone, New York, N. Y.; Gustave Perrot, France; Fitzie Pruden, St. Catherines, Canada.

Stan Reypens, Belgium; Bobby Rosado, New York, N. Y.

Cisco Saenz, Phoenix, Ariz.; Algar Smith, England; Leo Starosch, Germany; Irvin Steen, San Francisco, Calif.

Wally Thom, England; Gil Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.

Charley Williams, Newark, N. J.; Don Williams, Worcester, Mass.; Danny Womber, Chicago, Ill.

Class B

Don Alderson, Cannonsburg, Pa.; Riggi Alotti, New York, N. Y.; Jetson Arnold, Philadelphia, Pa.

Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tommy Bell, Youngstown, O.; Valere Benedetto, France; Rocky Brisbois, Montreal, Canada; Harry Bos, Holland; Johnny Britenbruck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Brown, Schenectady, N. Y.; Sonny Bunn, Washington, D. C.; Bobby Burgess, Vallejo, Calif.; Martin Burke, Albany, N. Y.; Ted Bussey, Detroit, Mich.; Eddie Butcher, Australia; Allan Buxton, England.

Joey Carkido, Youngstown, O.; Roy Carter, New York, N. Y.; Jorge Castro, Mexico City, Mexico; Orlando Cepeda, Havana, Cuba; Frank Clarke, Australia; Al Constantino, New York, N. Y.; Johnny Cross, England.

Tim Dalton, Chicago, Ill.; Alf Danahar, England; Jackie Daniels, Australia; Tommy Darrough, Flint, Mich.; Eric Davies, England; Art Davis, Miami, Fla.; Jackie DeBelin, Australia; Jose Alberto Diaz, Venezuela; Kev Delaney, Australia; Kid Dussart, Belgium; Paddy Dowell, Ireland.

Bobby Elliott, Miami, Fla.

Frankie Fay, New Bedford, Mass.; Gaby Ferland, Montreal, Canada.

Joe Garza, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Giambra, Buffalo, N. Y.; Pete Gill, Austin, Tex.; Ron Giltinan, Australia; Eddie Goodman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Heinz Gorczyza, Germany; Allie Gronik, Detroit, Mich.; Sam Guiliani, Stamford, Conn.; Joe Gurrola, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rafael Guttierez, Mexico City, Mexico.

Walter Haines, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Maurice Harper, Oakland, Calif.; Joey Hartegan, New Orleans, La.; Norman Hayes, Boston, Mass.; Glen Hendershot, Binghamton, N. Y.; Pierre Hernandez, France; Hank Herring, Los Angeles, Calif.; Eddie Holtz, Atlantic City, N. J.; Chief Crazy Horse, Rose Bud, S. D.

Baby Ike, Los Angeles, Calif.

Herbert Jones, New Orleans, La.; Henry Jordan, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lou Joseph, Seattle, Wash.

Kay Kalio, Nigeria; George Kapeen, Australia.

Jimmy Leach, Hartford, Conn.; Bobby Lee, Baltimore, Md.; Frankie Lentine, Youngstown, O.; Aime Lombard, France; Sonny Luciano, Paterson, N. J.; Brian Lynch, Australia.

Sammy Mastrean, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Danny McKay, Scotland; Tim McLeary, England; Doug Medley, Louisville, Ky.; Gus Mell, Montreal, Canada; Hy Melzer, New York, N. Y.; Aldo Minelli, Italy; Nick Mistovich, Youngstown, O.; Carlo Mola, Italy; Jimmy Molloy, England; Rees Moore, Wales; Jean Mougin, France.

Bobby Neal, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Jan Nicholas, Holland; Billy Nixon, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Nolan, Calgary, Canada.

Jack O'Brien, Hartford, Conn.; Maurice Ouezman, France.

Phil Palmer, Vancouver, B. C.; Kid Pambele, Nicaragua; Laurie Petersen, Australia; Francisco Peiro, Spain; Rudi Pepper, Germany; Yrgo Piitulainen, Finland.

Terry Ratcliffe, England; Bill Rattray, Scotland; Hank Risk, Toledo, O.; Keith Robertson, Australia; Jim Robinson, Louisville, Ky.; Jesse Robles, Mexico; Mannetie Roux, South Africa.

Jimmy Sanders, Warren, O.; Alfie Sands, Australia; Walter Schneider, Germany; Joe Sgro, Indianapolis, Ind.; Tommy Smith, Providence, R. I.; Billy Spangler, Shelby, N. C.; Charley Spicer, Philadelphia, Pa.; Danny Stepnovich, Pittsburgh, Pa.; John L. Sullivan, England.

Robert Takeshita, Hawaii; Mickey Talbert, Ireland; Lloyd Tate, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa.; Jeff Tite, England.

Luigi Valentini, Italy; Lucien Vandaele, France; Ernie Vickers, England; Aldo Vinci, Italy.

Benny Walker, Oakland, Calif.; Jim Webster, Australia; Al Weldon, Australia; Johnny Wells, Boston, Mass.; Willie Whyte, Scotland; Alan Wilkins, Wales; Eddie Williams, Tucson, Ariz.; Gwyn Williams, Wales; Johnny Williams, New York, N. Y.; Al Wilson, Agawam, Mass.; Woody Winslow, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dick Wolf, Portland, Ore.; Billy Wyatt, Trenton, N. J.

Baby Zavala, Mexico.

Class C

Ray Acosta, Los Angeles, Calif.; Albert Adams, Chicago, Ill.; Bobby Anderson, Louisville, Ky.; Bill Andy, Providence, R. I.; Iggy Angelo, Providence, R. I.; Tony Armentero, Havana, Cuba; Joe Atria, New York, N. Y.

Jim Bailey, Hartford, Conn.; Frankie Ball, Washington, D. C.; Vince Barnes, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cliff Barnett, Los Angeles, Calif.; Fred Bartuch, Chicago, Ill.; George Benton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Bloss, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Tony Bove, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Augie Brett, Hartford, Conn.; Bojangles Bobby Brewer, Los Angeles, Calif.; Charley Brown, Detroit, Mich.; Henry Brown, Paterson, N. J.; Ken Brown, Detroit, Mich.; Pennington Brown, St. Louis, Mo.; Ralph Brown, Seattle, Wash.; Buddy Burton, Hollywood, Calif.

Luciano Cadillo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bobby Camp, New Orleans, La.; Doc Campbell, Asheville, S. C.; Al Casavona, Los Angeles, Calif.; Danny Castanon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Johnny Cerky, New York, N. Y.; Angel Chavez, San Pedro, Calif.; Tony Cimmone, East Liberty, Pa.; Rusty Cleek, New Castle, Ind.; Dave Cochrane, Buffalo, N. Y.; Gene Coleman, Paterson, N. J.; Mario Coll, Havana, Cuba; Matt Corgin, Long Island City, N. Y.; Levi Cote, Montreal, Canada; Jim Crowder Houston, Tex.; Louis Crumes, Ottumwa, Ia.; John Cunningham, Baltimore, Md.; Archie Cutshaw, Asheville, N. C.

Vinnie D'Andrea, New York, N. Y.; John Darby, Paterson, N. J.; Claude D'Arcey, New York, N. Y.; Chuck Davey, Detroit, Mich.; Henry Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.; Paulie Davis, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmy DeCerio, Norristown, N. J.; Rocco DeFranco, New York, N. Y.; Jimmy DeLeon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joe D'Guardia, Bronx, N. Y.; Jim Dillon, Norwood, Colo.; Frank Dominguez, Hollywood, Calif.; Charley Douglas, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ceasar Duarte, New Bedford, Mass.; Mike Duffy, Boston, Mass.

Robert Earl, Chicago, Ill.; Bill Eddy, Flint, Mich; Eddie Edwards, Newark, N. J.; Herbert Elly, New York, N. Y.; Werner Enge, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Milton Enright, Milwaukee, Wis.; Billy Epps, San Francisco, Calif.; Emil Evans, Minneapolis, Minn.

Frank Fisher, Bronx, N. Y.; Fred Flores, New York, N. Y., George Flores, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tiger Flowers, Worcester, Mass.; Chuck Foster, Omaha, Neb.; Jack Fox, Chicago, Ill.; Frankie Friedman, New Brunswick, N. J.; Bobby Fuller, Boston, Mass.; Frankie Fuller, Hollywood, Calif.

Tony Galles, Dickson City, Pa.; Red Garrison, Spokane, Wash; Larry Gassa, New York, N. Y.; Benny Geary, Edmonton, Canada; Joe Giacobbe, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Gibbs, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mel Goldsmith, Bronx, N. Y.; Roland Gomez, Fall River, Mass.; Flash Gordon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Luciano Gorno, Bronx, N. Y.; Joe Greco, Jersey City, N. J.; Ernie Greer, San Francisco, Calif.; Frankie Gubas, Paterson, N. J.; Guy Guerrette, Hartford, Conn.; Tony Gunia, Milwaukee, Wis.; Gene Gunther, Baltimore, Md.

Red Hadley, Racine, Wis.; Ronnie Hamlin, Cincinnati, O.; Walter Hamm, Washington, D. C.; Claude Hammond, West New York, N. J.; Sonny Jim Hampton, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jackie Harmon, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sammy Harris, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Hatcher, Miami, Fla.; Jimmy Hayes, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Henry, New York, N. Y.; John Henry Hicks, Albany, N. Y.; George Howard, Elizabeth, N. J.; Lonnie Hudson, Los Angeles, Calif.

Baby Ike, Los Angeles, Calif.; Loisel Isadore, New Orleans, La.

Gene Jannaie, New York, N. Y.; Maurice Jenkins, Newark, N. J.; Rolly Johns, Albany, N. Y.; Edgar Jones, Merced, Calif.; Baby Ray Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.; Benny Jordan, Los Angeles, Calif.

Sammy Kefalos, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Kelly, Cincinnati, O.; Pat Kelly, Holyoke, Mass.; George Kramer, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dong Lang, Chicago, Ill.; John LaSanna, Newark, N. J.; Manny Leal, New York, N. Y.; Clifton Lester, Los Angeles, Calif.; Nelson Levering, Macy, Neb.; Joe Lupo, Lordi, N. J.

Hal McCaskill, Atlanta, Ga.; Al McCoy, Atlanta, Ga.; Jimmy McDonald, Denver, Colo.; Tommy McGowan, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Larry Mann, Miami, Fla.; Manua Markarian, Argentina; Tim Martin, Detroit, Mich.; Dave Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rudy Martinez, Hollywood, Calif.; Vinnie Martinez, Paterson, N. J.; Johnny Meza, New York, N. Y.; Adrian Mogart, Paris, France; Joe Moore, Hempstead, N. Y.; Johnny Moran, Boston, Mass.; Al Mouzon, Baltimore, Md.; Frank Mucci, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Billy Murray, Roxbury, Mass.; Joe Murray, Elmont, N. Y.; Ken Murray, Oakland, Me.

Mel Nelson, Ocean Park, Calif.

Pat O'Grady, Holdredge, Neb.; Ray Ortero, Puerto Rico; Louis Ortiz, Jamaica, N. Y.; Billy Osborne, Oakland, Calif.; Gavus Outhouse, Sioux City, Neb.; Gale Outhouse, Sioux City, Neb.

Johnny Paoletti, Akron, O.; Charley Parker, New York, N. Y.; Ken Parsley, U. S. Navy; Billy Paul, Boston, Mass.; Pete Pauline, Hazelton, Pa.; Chuck Pecora, East Liberty, Pa.; Ray Perez, Los Angeles, Calif.; George Perkins, Lynn, Mass.

Jack Randolph, Dorsey, Miss.; Oscar Reyes, Hollywood, Calif.; Roger Ringuette, Fall River, Mass.; Phil Rizzo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vernon Roberts, Gary, Ind.; Bob Rossi, Iowa City, Ia.

Bill Salandich, Milwaukee, Wis.; Len Salvo, Chicago, Ill.; Charley Sawyer, Los Angeles, Calif.; Carlin Scott, New York, N. Y.; Pete Servin, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy Shans, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al Simmons, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bucky Slocum, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Hugh Sublett, Detroit, Mich.; Billy Sudduth, Topeka, Kan.

Norman Thompson, Toronto, Canada; Bob Torrance, Los Angeles, Calif.

Chico Vejar, Stamford, Conn.; Andy Viserto, New York, N. Y.; Tony Viserto, New York, N. Y.; Lou Volpe, New York, N. Y.

Irving Wallace, Sharpesburg, Pa.; Sammy Wigfall, New York, N. Y.; Fox Williams, New York, N. Y.; Harry Winfield, New York, N. Y. Rudy Zadell, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Kangaroo Zavala, Mexico.

Lightweights

World Champion
Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.

1—John L. Davis, Oakland, Calif.
2—Freddie Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
3—Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, Ill.
4—James Carter, New York, N. Y.
5—Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland, Calif.
6—Sonny Boy West, Washington, D. C.
7—Art Aragon, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Eddie Chavez, San Jose, Calif.
9—Rudy Cruz, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Roberto Proietti Italy
11—Jose Gatica, Buenos Aires, Argentina
12—Arthur King, Toronto, Canada
13—Luther Rawlings, Chicago, Ill.
14—Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
15—Joe Lopez, Sacramento, Calif.
16—Mario Trigo, Mexico
17—Enrique Bolanos, Los Angeles, Calif.
18—Archie Whitewater, San Francisco, Calif.
19—Harold Jones, Detroit, Mich.
20—Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.
21—George Dunn, Hartford, Conn.

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Class A

Roy Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Cliff Anderson, British Guiana; Ellis Ask, Finland; Sadok Bahri, Tunis; Emil Baras, San Francisco, Calif.; George Barnes, Australia; Tommy Barnham, England; Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Tex.; Dennis Pat Brady, New York, N. Y.; Beppe Colasanti, Rome, Italy.

George Daly, England; Teddy Davis, Red Top, N. Y.; Claude Dennington, England; Maxie Docusen, New Orleans, La.; Gerald Dreyer, South Africa; Raul Esqueda, Mexico City, Mexico.

Carmine Fiore, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank Flannery, Australia; Johnny Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.; Guiseppe Fusaro, Italy.

Rudy Garcia, Burbank, Calif.; Hans Hafner, Germany; Freddy Babe Herman, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jack Hassen, Australia; Richard Kid Howard, Halifax, N. S., Canada.

Chu Chu Jiminez, Belmont, Calif.; Joergen Johansen, Denmark.

Bobby Lloyd, Baltimore, Md.; Dulio Loi, Italy. Joe Lopez, Sacramento Calif.

Tony Mar, Houston, Tex.; Tote Martinez, Stockton, Calif.; Tommy McGovern, England; Luigi Male, Italy; Abdel Kader ben Mfioud, Morocco; Pierre Montane, France; Paulino Montez, Mexico City, Mexico; Billy Murphy, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Keith Nuttall, Salt Lake City, Utah; Baby Neff Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.; Joseph Preys, Belgium; Jacques Prigent, France.

Don Rogers, Portland, Ore.; Chu Chu Ruiz, Mexico; Jackie Ryan, Australia; Bob Sandberg, Rockford, Ill.; Massimo Sanna, Italy.

Alex Sinnaeve, Belgium; Wallace Bud Smith, Cincinnati, O; Billy Thompson, England; Jimmy Towell, South Africa.

Joey Velez, Spokane, Wash.; Svend Wad, Denmark; Al Wilburn, England; LeRoy Willis, Detroit, Mich.; Terry Young, New York, N. Y.; Orlando Zulueta, Havana, Cuba.

Class B

Rocky Armando, Montreal, Canada; Andre Benater, Australia; Merv Bennett, Australia; Pedro Biesca, Mexico City, Mexico; Ermano Bonetti, Rome, Italy; Don Bowman, Asheville, N. C.; Israel Boyle, Gold Coast, South Africa; Si Brahim, Morocco; Santa Bucca, Philadelphia, Pa.; Kev Brown Australia; Luther Burgess, Detroit, Mich.; Laurie Buxton, England.

Richie Callura, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Bobby Carew, Des Moines, Ia.; Eduardo Carrasco, Lima, Peru; Wray Carter, Chicago, Ill.; Alfie Clay, Australia; Joey Clemo, Portland, Ore.; Danny Coletti, Italy; Clem Custer, Detroit, Mich.

Reuben Davis, Fall River, Mass.; Johnny DeFazio, Bayonne, N. J.; Umberto del Carlo, Italy; Wilf Desjardins, Winnipeg, Canada; Bernie Dowd, Livingstown, N. J.

Honey Elliott, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby English, Fall River, Mass.; Chico Escamilla, Mexico City, Mexico; Alfredo Escobar, Los Angeles, Calif.

Peter Fallon, England; Matias Fenoy, Madrid, Spain; Young Finnegan, Panama City, Panama; Mickey Flanagan, England; Hermie Freeman, Bath, Me.

Ivor Kid Germain, British West Indies; Valentino Gianluppi, Italy; Guillermo Giminez, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Tommy Greb, Boston, Mass.; Gordon Goodman, England.

Rafael Hadad, Mexico City, Mexico; Keith Hamilton, New Orleans, La.; Ronnie Harper, Huntington, W. Va.

Johnny Hazel, British West Indies; Les Hogan, Australia; Bert Hornby, England; Julio Jiminez, Mexico City, Mexico.

Eddie Johnson, San Francisco, Calif.; Cliff Jones, Australia; Herbie Biff Jones, Washington, D. C.; Young Junior, Springfield, Mass.

Johnny Kamber, Livingston, N. J.; Paul Karam, South Africa; Hocine Khalfi, Algeria; Julie Kogan, New Haven, Conn.

Elmer Lakatos, Youngstown, Ohio; Dave Landers, Australia; Rafael Lastra, Havana, Cuba; Gerard Laurent, France; Billy Liggett, Trenton, N. J.; Sylvano Locatelli, Italy; Joe Lucy, England.

Alan McFater, Toronto, Canada; McGouran, Ireland; Ken McPhee, Vancouver, Canada.

Manuel Madrid, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jackie Marshall, Scotland, Vince Marshall, England; Freddy Monforte, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Barteleme Marti, Spain; Phil Morizio, New York, N. Y.

Charley Neeson, Ireland; Bill Neri, Bridgeport, Conn.; Billy Neumont, Garfield, N. J.; Herbert Nurenberg, Germany.

Mickey O'Neill, Ireland; Bonbon Oriental, Havana, Cuba; Joey Ortega, Portland, Ore.; Alfonso Ortiz, Mexico City, Mexico.

Chico Pacheco, Cuba; Gene Parker, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frank Parks, England; Stan Parks, England; Jay Parlin, Chester, Pa.; Art Persley, New Orleans, La.; Neil Phillips, Scotland; Len Pippen, Australia; Frank Pollizi, Detroit, Mich.; Bobby Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.

Reg Quinlan, Wales; Luis Ramos, Puerto Rico; Johnny Rawlings, England; Les Rendle, England; Jean Richard, Montreal; Manuel Rivera, Mexico.

Papelero Sanchez, Mexico; Armand Savoie, Montreal, Canada; Joey Scarlota, New York, N. Y.; Tommy Shaw, England; Charley Simpkins, England; Gene Spangler, Miami; Art Suffoletta, Bridgeport, Conn.

Allan Tanner, British Guiana; Willie Tauber, Germany; Jack Thompson, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jesse Underwood, Huntington, W. Va.

Iggy Vaccari, Boston, Mass.; Victor Valachovic, Czechoslovakia; Tomas Vagas, Mexico; Joe Vissers, Belgium; Nazzarano Vitale, New Haven, Conn.

Asgar Warburg, Denmark; James Watkins, Jr., New London, Conn.; Danny Webb, Montreal, Canada; Jackie Weber, Pawtucket, R. I.; Lou Williams, New Orleans, La.

Class C

Cam Agam, Zanesville, O.; Gil Aguilar, Mexico City, Mexico; Virgil Akins, St. Louis, Mo.; Abdoul Ali, Yemen, Arabia, Tony Allegro, New York, N. Y., Sammy Anderson, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Carl Arakiki, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al Arenas, Los Angeles, Calif., Jose Arguelles, Mexico City, Mexico; Anthony Arnone, New Orleans, La.; Johnny Ashley, Buffalo, N. Y.

Frisco Baracao, Honolulu, T. H.; Bob Barclay, New York, N. Y.; Bobby Barnes, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tom Barto, New Kensington, Pa.; Billy Beal, Oakland, Calif.; Joey Bishop, Philadelphia, Pa.; Floyd Black, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gene Bora, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. Boston, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chick Boucher, Manchester, N. H.; Whit Bowden, Norfolk, Va.; Paul Brooks, Dayton, O.; L. D. Brown, San Francisco, Calif.; James Burhus, Hollywood, Calif.; George Burrows, New York, N. Y.; Lee Burton, Los Angeles, Calif

Louis Calloway, Bloomfield, Pa.; Saul Cantor, Miami, Fla.; Carmen Caputa, Milwaukee, Wis.; Richard Chabot, Montreal, Canada; Stormy Chambers, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chivero Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.

Gil Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Willie Cliff, Huntington, W. Va.; Don Cloud, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Cobb, Chicago, Ill.; Tommy Coleman, Yorkville, N. Y.; Julie Colon, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Contreras, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Corona, San Francisco, Calif.; Paul Covino, Bronx, N. Y.

Al (Pinky) Cowan, Spokane, Wash.; Willie Crawford, Hollywood, Calif.; Billy Creech, Chicago, Ill.; Auriello Cruz, Mexico City, Mexico; Roberto Cruz, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tello Cruz, Mexico City, Mexico.

Rocky Dadio Worcester, Mass.; Joey Dell, New Haven, Conn.; Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.; Pat Demers, Brockton, Mass.; Harry Diduck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Johnny Digilio, Bayonne, N. J.; Sal D'Guardia, Bronx, N. Y.; Lawton Disoso, New Orleans, La.

Thomas Dixon, Washington Heights, N. Y.; Jimmy Dockery, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bill Donnelly, Vancouver, Canada; Rocky Drago, Indianapolis, Ind.; Fernand Drouin, Quebec, Canada; Georges Drouin, Beverly, Mass.; Jerry Drouin, Boston, Mass.

George Edmunds, Hartford, Conn.; Tony Espinosa, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bobby Fenty, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Orlando Fernandez, Tampa, Fla.; Harold Fields, New York, N. Y.; Joe Fisher, Denver, Colo.; Jackie Floyd, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jim Fredericks, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Bobby Gainsville, New York, N. Y.; Mac Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Julio Garcia, Puerto Rico; Billy Groehrer, Jersey City, N. J.; Billy Gibson, San Francisco, Calif.

Ralph Giordano, Newark, N. J.; Walter Gomes, New Bedford, Mass.; Harry Goulding, Toronto, Canada; Larry Griffin, Auburn, Me.; Jimmy Guay, Fall River, Mass.

Clarence Harbin, St. Louis, Mo.; Rocky Haro, Los Angeles, Calif.; Don Hart, Syracuse, N. Y.

Billy Hazel, New York, N. Y.; Joey Hennigsen, St. Louis, Mo.; Bob Henry, Milwaukee, Wis., Juan Hernandez, Hollywood, Calif.; Floro Hita, Havana, Cuba.

Gil Holcomb, Akron, O.; Graham Holmes, Manchester, Conn.; Snooks Howard, Tampa, Fla.; Willie Hull, Chicago, Ill.; Bill Hunter, Boston, Mass.

Herb Jackson, Akron, O.; Ralph Jacobs, Newark, N. J.; Aaron Junior, Los Angeles Calif.

Lyle Kehoe, Vancouver, Canada; Sam Kelsey, Baltimore, Md.; Walter Keyes, Greenville, S. C.; Joe Kezele, Warren, O.; Ernie Koutnick, Paterson, N. J.; Stan Kursa, Detroit, Mich.

Gerry LaLiberte, Montreal, Canada; Frankie Leach, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Kenny Leach, Baltimore, Md.; Gene LeBlanc, Fall River, Mass.; Joe Leo, Syracuse, N. Y.; Joey Leto, New York, N. Y.; Izzy Leyton, Detroit, Mich.; Bruno Lijoi, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rocky Lucero, San Francisco, Calif.

Packy McFarland, Tucson, Ariz.; Jimmy McLaughlin, Newark, N. J.; Al McLellan, Hartford, Conn.; Tom McMenany, Belfast, Ireland; Fred Mabye, St. Albans, N. Y.

Ken Maeshiro, Los Angeles, Calif.; Tommy Manawis, Los Angeles, Calif.; Basil Marie, New York, N. Y; Johnny Marino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mike Martinez, San Jose, Calif.; Manuel Mendoza, Los Angeles, Calif.

James Monaghan, New York, N. Y.; Johnny Moran, New York, N. Y.; Billy Morgan, Garfield, N. J.; George Morris, Louisville, Ky.; Frank Muche, Niles, O.; Vinnie Murray, Hempstead, N. Y.

Tommy Nee, Boston, Mass.; Jack Nicholson, Uniondale, Pa.; Jackie Nieves, Puerto Rico; Pete Noka, Central Falls, R. I.; Reuben Orona, San Francisco, Calif.; Joe Perez, Hollywood, Calif.; Bernie Peters, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Price, St. Paul, Minn.

Rocco Quollo, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Eddie Rawlings, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jim Redding, Cincinnati, O.; Ray Reed, Hartford, Conn.; Frank Riviera, Kansas City, Mo.; Al Roberts, Gary, Ind.; Ernie Roberts, New York, N. Y.; Fugi Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dom Saia, Boston Mass.; Bob Saunders, San Francisco, Calif.; Billy Scholes, Tampa, Fla.; Milton Scott, Gary, Ind.; Benny Smith, New York N. Y.; Freddie Smith, Jamaica, N. Y.; Marvin Smith, Wichita, Kan.; Nick Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.

Tiger Snyder, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rocky Sullivan Boston, Mass.

Russ Tague, Eldridge, Ia.; Stokes Thomas, Newark, N. J.; Charley Thompson, Providence, R. I.; Chuck Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jerry Thompson, Tacoma, Wash.; Tommy Tipping, Scotland; Billy Todd, Columbus, O.; Nelson Torres, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Roger Trevino, Houston, Tex.

Baby Valdez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Blackie Vandermeer, Aberdeen, Wash.; Gurney Van Hook, Trenton, N. J.; Marcus Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bob Weaver, Springfield, Mass.; Charley Whip, Fall River, Mass.; Jimmy Wilde, New York, N. Y.; Chink Williams, Washington, Pa.; Dickie Wilson, Waldwick, N. J.; Terry Wilson, Worcester, Mass.; Willie Woods, Worcester, Mass.; Eddie Zacker, Chicago, Ill.

Featherweights
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N. Y.

1—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
2—Ray Famechon, Paris, France
3—Charley Riley, St. Louis, Mo.
4—Percy Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Luis de Santiago, Spain
6—Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, England
7—Al Phillips, London, England
8—Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn.
9—Rocky McKay, Panama
10—Ciro Morasen, Havana, Cuba
11—Henry Davis, Honolulu, T. H.
12—Lauro Salas, Los Angeles, Calif.
13—Diego Sosa, Havana, Cuba.
14—Rudy Garcia, Burbank, Calif.
15—Roy Ankarah, Gold Coast, Africa
16—Francis Bonnardel, France
17—Tom Collins, Boston, Mass.
18—Tirso del Rosario, Manila, P. I.
19—Harold Dade, Chicago, Ill.
20—Guido Ferracin, Italy
21—Jim Kenny, Polmont, Scotland

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Class A

Miguel Acevedo, Havana, Cuba; Lou Alter, Montreal, Canada; Lenny Alvarez, New Orleans, La.; George Araujo, Providence, R. I.

Tommy Bailey, England; Bobby Bell, Youngstown, Ohio; Eddie Burgin, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Speedy Cabanella, Philadelphia, Pa.; Conrad Castanon, Mexico City, Mexico; Alvaro Cerasini, Italy; Fabala Chavez, Hollywood, Calif.; Kid Chocolate, Curacao, D.W.I.; Ray Coleman, Australia; Eddie Compo, New Haven, Conn.; Jimmy Cooper, Washington, D. C.; Ron Cooper, England.

Walter Demke, Germany; Archie Devino, Newark, N. J.

Bonnie Espinosa, Philippine Islands.

Ray Fitton, England; Glen Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.; Ernesto Funari, Italy; Gavino Furesi, Italy

Corky Gonzales, Denver, Colo.; Jose (Baby) Gonzales, Havana, Cuba; Marcel Gallon, France.

Cochorro Herrera, Mexico City, Mexico.

Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bert Jackson, England.

Harry LaSane, Houston, Texas; Baby LeRoy, Chicago, Ill; Tony Lombard, South Africa.

Jackie McCoy, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jean Machterlinck, Belgium; Georges Mousse, France.

Fredrico Plummer, Panama.

Jimmy Rooney, Bridgeport, Conn.; Chico Rosa, Hawaii.

George Sanchez, Havana, Cuba; Negro Sandoval, Mexico; Humberto Sierra, Cuba; Gene Smith, Washington, D. C.; Reuben Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Frankie Sodano, Philadelphia, Pa.

Charley Titone, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Panchito Uribe, Mexico.

Memo Valero, Mexico; Tito Valles, New York, N. Y.

Johnny Wheeler, Australia; Bluey Wilkins, Australia.

Kid Zefine, Panama.

Class B

Ernesto Aguilar, Mexico City, Mexico; Frank Almond, Vancouver, Canada.

Tommy Baker, Johnstown, Pa.; Bunny Berrigan, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jackie Blair, Hollywood, Calif.; Tommy Blears, England; Johnny Breeze, Paterson, N. Y.; Jock Bonas, Scotland; Houston Brown, Los Angeles Calif.

Gene Caffrey, Scotland; Frankie Carrao, New York City; Jesue Compos, New York City.

Dai Davies, Wales; Gabriel Diaz, Mexico City, Mexico; Denny Dawson, England; Lupe Diaz, Mexico City, Mexico; Bernard Dodin, France.

Ray Edwards, Jamaica, N. Y.; Johnny Efhan, Los Angeles, Calif.; Vic Eisen, Buffalo, N. Y.

Norm Foster, Australia.

Trino Garcia, Cuba; Francisco Colon Garcia, Puerto Rico; Henry Pappy Gault, Spartanburg, S. C.; Arthur Gould, England.

Mel Hammond, Minneapolis, Minn.; Timothy Buddy Hayes, Boston, Mass.; Proctor Heinold, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Manuel Hernandez, Mexico City, Mexico; Tommy Higgins, England; Lloyd Hudson, Bath, Me.; Noel Humphreys, Charleston, W. Va.

Brian Jelley, England; Aaron Joshua, India.

Freddie King, England.

Jimmy LaCassa, Chicago, Ill.; Marcel LaChappelle, Montreal, Canada; Eddie Lacy, Minneapolis, Minn.; Rudi Lange, Germany; Leo LeBrun, Montreal, Canada; Calvin Leigh, Rochester, N. Y.; Art Llanos, Puerto Rico; Tony Longo, Baltimore, Md.; Mario Lutti, Italy.

Gaby Macias, Mexico City, Mexico; Pat Marcune, New York, N. Y.; Dave Marsh, Akron, Ohio; Jim McCann, Ireland; Don McTaggert, Scotland; Sammy Medina, Panama; Clint Miller, Elizabeth, N. J.; Dave Mitchell, Toronto, Canada; James Mitchell, San Francisco, Calif.; Umberto, Molinaro, Italy; Johnny Molloy, England; Eddie Moran, England; Jimmy Murray, Ireland.

Filberto Osario, Puerto Rico; Mario Pacheco, Cuba.

Rudy Pasco, Toronto, Canada; Teddy Peckham, England; Perez Pituka, Mexico; Fredrico Plummer, Panama;; Arthur Portley, Chicago, Ill.; Bernard Pugh, England.

Gene Robnett, France; Stan Rowan, England.

Stan Salter, England; Henry Schillizzi, New York, N. Y.; Frank Sequeria, Oakland, Calif; Ivor Simpson, England; George Sinclair, Winnipeg, Canada; Jagir Singh, Malaya; Tony Spano, Chicago; Teddy St. Jean, Central Falls, R. I.

Sigi Tennebaum, Switzerland; Pat Thomas, Washington, D. C.; Spider Thomas, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jose Torres, Puerto Rico; Jackie Turpin, England.

Tommy Umeda, Seattle, Wash.; Baby Vasquez, Mexico; Pancho Velasco, Mexico.

Steve Walsh, England; Joe Wamsley, New York, N. Y.; Mickey Warner, Windsor, Canada; Chuck Wilkerson, Los Angeles, Calif.

Class C

Willie Alexander, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Alvarez, Seattle, Wash.; Tony Amabile, Yonkers, N. Y.; Al Armando, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ace Aubre, Indianapolis, Ind.

Tony Bajkowski, Detroit, Mich.; Manuel Baptista, New Bedford, Mass.; Thomas Beato, Dominican Republic; Doc Blanchard, Cambridge, Mass.; Lee Bohles, Cleveland, Ohio; Cliff Bordies, Bay Shore, L. I., New York; Oliver Breton, Toronto, Canada; Bobby Brooks, New York, N. Y.; Jay Brown, Gary, Ind.; Jim Brunton, Springfield, Mass.; Chuck Burton, Newark, N. J.

Gilbert Cadilli, Los Angeles, Calif.; Vinnie Calderon, New York City; Joey Cam, Boston, Mass.; Louis Carmona, Puerto Rico; Johnny Carr, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Carrotta, New York City; Ray Castillo, Havana, Cuba; Kid Centella, Nicaragua; Benny Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Felix Coleman, San Francisco, Calif.; Wayne Cooke, Los Angeles, Calif.; Auburn Copeland, Detroit, Mich.; Manny Correa, Mexico City, Mexico; Tommy Corrick, Toronto, Canada; Martin Coscino, New Orleans, La.; Patsy Croce, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Richard Crump, New York City; Al Cruz, Los Angeles, Calif.; Angelo Cruz, New York City.

Dan Dakota, St. Paul, Minn.; Gene Dale, St. Louis, Mo.; Pete D'Amico, Milwaukee, Wis.; Danny Dancrosse, Manchester, N. H.; Danny Davis, Duluth, Minn.; Rudy De Hoyas, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jimmy DeMura, Syracuse, N. Y. Tommy DeSantis, Youngstown, Ohio; Bob Di Giovanni, Hollywood, Calif.; Frank Dobales, Stockton, Calif.; Jimmy Dunn, Phoenix, Ariz.; Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.; Little Dynamite, Seattle, Wash.

Nick Edwards, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tommy Edwards, Baberton, Ohio; Charley Espinosa, New Orleans, La.; Olvaro Estrada, Mexico City, Mexico; Cliff Evans, Atlantic City, N. J.

Sal Ferello, New York, N. Y.; Alex Fimbres, Phoenix, Ariz.; John Fisher, Hollywood, Calif.;

Eddie Freeman, Worcester, Mass.; Frank Freese, New York City; Mickey Fuchs, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rocky Fusco, Staten Island, N. Y.

Noel Gagnon, Montreal, Canada; Al Galindo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Dave Gallardo, Los Angeles, Calif.; Sammy Galvan, Mexico City, Mexico; Jose Colon Garcia, Puerto Rico; Bobby Garza, New Orleans, La.; Johnny Giaco, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Eddie Gilchrist, Washington, D. C.; Buddy Gillman, Seattle, Wash.; Reuben Gomez, San Francisco, Calif.; Angel Grado, Mexico City, Mexico; Bill Grady, Detroit, Mich.; Al Graziano, Greenwich Village, N. Y.; Baby Face Gutierrez, Los Angeles, Calif.

Vic Haller, Springfield, Mass.; Bobby Harvey, Scranton, N. Y.; Tim Healy, New York, N. Y.; Jimmy Hegeman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Eddie Hernandez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Herrera, Los Angeles, Calif.; Paul Herrick, Portland, Me.; Roy Higa, Honolulu, Hawaii; Earl Hilton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob Holliday, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rufus Holliday, Cincinnati, Ohio; Johnny Howard, Cleveland, Ohio; Al Hunter, New York City.

Carmen Iacobucci, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jerry Kortright, New York N. Y.

Rafael, LaBoy, Puerto Rico; Tony LaCassa, Chicago, Ill.; Val Lambert, New Orleans, La.; Ernie Lauterio, Los Angeles, Calif.; Billy Lima, Miami, Fla.; Jack Luke, Jacksonville, Fla.

Charles McGarrity, Rahway, N. J.; Chuck McGow, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mickey McKee, Buffalo, N. Y.; Manuel Maldonado, Denver, Colo.; Max Males, Toronto, Canada; Libby Manzo, Elmhurst, N. Y.; Mickey Mars, Cleveland, Ohio; Eddie Marsh, Johnstown, Pa.; Jack Martin, Indianapolis, Ind.; Reggie Martina, Philadelphia, Pa.; Henry Martinez, Des Moines, Ia.; Pete Martinez, Stockton, Calif.; Tommy May, New York, N. Y.; George Mendoza, Los Angeles, Calif.; Ray Miranda, Tampa, Fla.; Mike Monta, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jess Morales, Hollywood, Calif.; Chico Morales, Havana, Cuba; Bernie Murray, Oakland, Me.

Johnny O'Brien, Boston, Mass.; Ovedio, Ochoa, New York, N. Y.; Willie Orsini, Puerto Rico; Max Osario, Puerto Rico; Jimmy Outlaw, Jersey City.

Jay Paniagua, New York, N. Y.; Tony Pennino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Trini Perez, Los Angeles, Calif.; Raul Prado, Detroit, Mich.

Tortias Rivera, Milwaukee; Willie Rodd, Puerto Rico; Bobby Roma, Juarez, Mexico.

Reuben Salazar, San Jose, Calif.; Tommy Salem, Cleveland, Ohio; Bob Satchel, Los Angeles, Calif.; Des Shanley, Union City, N. J.; Charley Slaughter, Jersey City, N. J.; Tony Smaldino, Los Angeles, Calif.; Al Smith, Roxbury, Mass.; Lavert Smith, Hollywood, Calif.; Jitterbug Smith, New Orleans, La.; Art Solis, San Francisco, Calif.; Mario Sulsenti, Brooklyn, N. Y.

James Thomas, St. Louis, Mo.; Tommy Tibbs, Columbus, Ohio.

Al Ware, Cincinnati, Ohio; Emil Wasilowski, St. Cloud, Minn.

Pete Yellovich, Staten Island, N. Y.

Bantamweights

World Champion
Vic Toweel, South Africa

1—Luis Romero, Madrid, Spain
2—Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Calif.
3—Luis Galvani, Havana, Cuba
4—Luis Castillo, Mexico City, Mexico
5—Elley Bennett, Australia
6—Peter Keenan, Scotland
7—Tommy Proffitt, Ashton, England
8—Emile Chemama, France
9—Hadi Tijani, Tunis, No. Africa
10—Alvaro Nuvoloni, Italy
11—Gianni Zuddas, Italy
12—Fernando Gagnon, Montreal, Canada
13—Marcel Mathieu, France
14—Danny O'Sullivan, London, England
15—Theo Medina, France
16—Gaetano Annaloro, Tunis, No. Africa
17—Bobby Boland, England
18—Caliostro Etter, Italy

Boxers listed below are grouped in general classification, and in alphabetical order. Those in each class are rated about on a par.

Class A

Jean Archambault, France; Jesue Alonso, Mexico City, Mexico.

Buddy Baggett, Dallas, Texas; Bill Bossio, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lino Botello, Mexico City, Mexico.

Tino Cardinale, Italy; Eddie Carson, Scotland; Sam Conforti, France; Beto Couary, Mexico.

Bunty Duran, Ireland.

Jackie Fairclough, England; Keith Francis, Australia.

Guy Josseau, France.

Jorge Manjarrez, Mexico; Enrique Morales, Mexico.

Fili Nava, Mexico.

Edel Ojeda, Mexico.

Arturo Paoletti, Italy.

Baby Ruiz, Mexico.

Heinz Sander, Germany; Hans Schomig, Germany; Cecil Schoonmaker, New York, N. Y.

Jackie Turner, Vancouver, Canada.

Tomas Vega, Cuba; Rudolfo Villa, Mexico.

Class B

Stan Almond, Vancouver, Canada; Johnny Arduini, Washington, D. C.

James Baggett, Houston, Texas; Otello Belardinelli Italy; Mohamed Bellatreche, Algeria; Dante Binet, France; Ronnie Bissell, England; Tommy Bramble, England; Cecil Brown, Australia.

Danny Carrabella, New York, N. Y.; Jimmy Carruthers, Australia; Jimmy Cardew, England, Rod Cutter, Austtralia.

Billy Daniels, England; Armand Deianna, France; Camile Dormont, France; Ronnie Draper, England.

Amleto Falcinelli, Italy; Peter Fay, England; Luis Fernandez, France; Gus Foran, England; Mannie Kid Francis, Gold Coast, Africa.

Freddie Hicks, England.

Ron Johnson, England.

Fred Kay, Australia; Willibald Koch, Germany; Jesus Nastre, Cuba.

Zoni Leon, Venezuela; Walter Limbach, Germany.

Eddie McCormick, England; Pat McCoy, Ireland; Andy McColloch, Scotland; Laurie Morrow, England; Mustapha Mustaphoui, Algeria; Willie Myles, Scotland.

Theo Nolten, Holland.

Rod Parsons, Australia; Ron Perry, England; Ludwig Petri, Germany; Prasong, Siam.

Asker Schone, Denmark; Uldedico Sergo, Italy; Raul Solis, Mexico; Larry Spencer, Jacksonville, Fla.; Manny Spivak, Montreal, Canada; Jackie Sutton, Wales.

Ron Varcoe, Australia.

Jimmy Webster, England; Ron Wilson, Australia.

Class C

Willie Davis, New York, N. Y.

Robert Fuentes, Puerto Rico.

Sammy Garcia, San Francisco, Calif.; Marvin Green, Philadelphia, Pa.

Kelly Hymore, Detroit, Mich.

Lou Langley, New York, N. Y.; Henry Luera, Houston, Texas.

Rickey Versace, White Plains, N. Y.

Tommy Yamaoka, Los Angeles, Calif.

Flyweights

World Champion
Dado Marino

1—Jean Sneyers, Belgium
2—Terry Allen, Islington, England
3—Louis Skena, France
4—Vic Herman, Glasgow, Scotland
5—Honore Pratesi, France
6—Stumpy Butwell, Australia
7—Teddy Gardner, West Hartlepool, England
8—Black Pico, Havana, Cuba
9—Maurice Sandeyron, France
10—Bob Scrivano, Tunis, No. Africa
11—Henry Carpenter, Peckham, England
12—Jimmy Pearce, Middlesborough, England
13—Chai Sithol, Siam
14—Norman Tennant, Dundee, Scotland
15—Joe Cairney, Coatbridge, Scotland
16—Charles Bohbot, Morocco, North Africa
17—Nazzareno Gianellu, Italy

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Class A

Ricardo Arias, Spain.

Al Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.

Monito Flores, Mexico City, Mexico; Luis F. Fuentes, Cuba.

Taffy Hancock, Australia; Mickey Hill, Australi.

Persson Kalla, South Africa.

Hector Rios, Mexico.

Class B

Johnny Black, England; Jackie Briers, Ireland.

Sid Charles, England; Juan Cristobal, Spain.

Glyn David, Wales.

Angel Iglesias, Mexico.

Jimmy Jennings, England; Kev James, Australia; Des Joyce, Australia.

Jimmy Laffin, Australia; Viktor Liwowski, Germany; Jacques Luni, France.

Frank McCoy, Ireland; Mickey McKay, South Africa; Bernard Marshall, England; Amado Mir, Havana Cuba; Robert Mougino, France.

Dickie O'Sullivan, England; Freddie Orr, Ireland; Jeff Oscroft, England.

Florio Pancani, Italy.

Tim Ramos, Guam; Hugh Riley, Scotland; Jimmy Roche, Ireland; Speedy Rudy, Hawaii.

Johnny Summers, Scotland; George Sutton, Wales.

George Tietzsch, Germany.

THE RING QUESTION BOX

Chief Pay Clerk Milton Farkas, USN 496218, Supply Dept., Bremerton Group Pac. Res. Fleet, P. S. Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington

Q.—Please answer me one question: Could Benny Leonard have defeated Jimmy McLarnin, if they could have met in Leonard's prime, and would it have been by a large margin? Please answer this in RING question column or letter Thanks.

A.—I believe that in his prime Leonard could have defeated McLarnin and might have knocked him out. However, McLarnin was no set up for anyone.

J. Fnazzo, Wyandotte, Mich.

Q.—Did Jake LaMotta and Bob Satterfield ever meet in the ring?

A.—On September 12, 1946, LaMotta stopped Satterfield in seven rounds in Chicago.

Q.—Did George Godfrey and Jack Renault ever oppose each other in the ring? If so when?

A.—Godfrey and Renault boxed each other three times, twice in New York (1923 and 1924) and once in San Francisco (1925).

Q.—Can you give me the full name of Elbows McFadden?

A.—George McFadden.

Q.—How many times did Marcel Thil fight in America?

A.—Once, he was stopped by Fred Apostoli on the Carnival of Champions.

J. Emile Dion, Quebec City, Can.

Q.—I recall that Harry Wills and Jack Dempsey were matched for a fight at Michigan City, Arthur Weinstein was the financial backer and Floyd Fitzsimmons, the promoter. It was scheduled for the fall of 1926, but in THE RING Record Book I see no mention of the fight. What happened?

A.—It never took place. The promoter gave Paddy Mullins, manager of Wills, his guarantee of $50,000 but when it came to putting up Dempsey's money there was none left at the bank and the bank refused to honor a check made out by Fitzsimmons, based on future receipts. Hence the bout was cancelled and Fitzsimmons and his backers sued but lost the case. The Court upheld Dempsey.

Billy Harden, Bronx, New York

Q.—When did John L. Sullivan officially win the heavyweight championship? Was it from Paddy Ryan or from Jake Kilrain?

A.—Sullivan won the title when he fought Paddy Ryan on Feb. 7, 1882. His title was at stake when he beat Kilrain in 1889.

Thomas R. Siciliano, St. Pete's Beach

Q.—Is Sandy Saddler, a Scot? Where was he born? Why do they call him a Scot if he isn't?

A.—He is not. Was born in Boston and was christened Joseph Saddler. His fighting name was given him by his manager.

An Interested Reader

Q.—Was there a fighter named Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan? Was his real name Eddie R. Elkinson? Did he ever hold a title?

A.—There was. He was a great fighter. He claimed the featherweight title after Corbett had knocked out McGovern and neither Corbett nor McGovern could make the weight any longer. Abe Attell also claimed the title and Sullivan and Attell fought for it and Attell stopped Sullivan in four rounds to gain international recognition. Sullivan's real name was Thomas J. Sullivan.

E. Manoogian, Philadelphia, Pa.

Q.—Can you tell me if Ike Williams and Sammy Angott ever fought and if the bout was held in Shibe Park? Also if Ray Robinson and Henry Armstrong fought?

A.—Williams and Angott met twice in 1944, both in Shibe Park, Philadelphia, with Williams taking two ten-round decisions. In 1945 they met again, in Pittsburgh, Angott stopping Williams in six rounds. Robinson won a ten-round decision from Armstrong on August 27, 1943, at New York City.

A. Tebbutt, Leicestershire, Eng.

Q.—Didn't Joe Louis foul Max Schmeling in their second fight in which he knocked out Max in the first round?

A.—No. Max claimed a foul on the basis of kidney punches but Louis did not foul him. The punches that landed to the kidneys were fair blows tossed while neither was holding. Max twisted his body to one side to avoid punches for the stomach and thus got the blows on his side. It was up to him to protect himself since neither was holding. No foul was committed.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. BOXING NOTES

By Sam Porcelli

TWO boys that bear watching are Bob Bighler of Orlean, N. Y. and Dick Tutle, of Gloversville, N. Y. Both boys are middleweights and are making Rochester their home and both are good looking prospects. At this writing Bighler is boxing for the district amateur championship at Buffalo.

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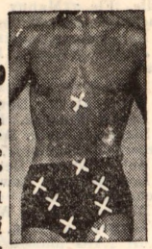

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FISTS ACROSS THE SEAS

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Had Dempsey been forced to get back into the ring under his own power in ten seconds, it is doubtful if he could have made it. But with the assistance of a telegraph operator and two newspapermen who were more concerned with protecting their typewriters than they were in Dempsey's immediate future, the champion was pushed back in time to beat the count.

Jack was still groggy, but Firpo was wild with a couple of rights, and the champion saved himself by weaving into a clinch until his head cleared. Both rivals were belting away at each other at the bell.

The second round lasted three seconds less than a minute. Firpo was down twice in that time, the second time to stay.

BUT let's get back to the more recent activities in the international title scene.

One significant feature of the 1950 schedule was that two previously unreported communities came up with their first world champions—Hawaii with Dado Marino and South Africa with Vic Toweel—adding further emphasis, if any were needed, to boxing's claim to being No. 1 in the lineup of international sports.

The successes of Marino and Toweel also demonstrated once again that the industry favors no particular race, color or creed in its selection of champions. Marino is of Filipino stock; Toweel of Lebanese lineage.

Incidentally, there was an odd twist in the respective title-winning performances of Marino and Toweel. By ring standards, Marino was an "old man," one month short of 34, and supposedly nearing the end of a long, active career. On the other hand—or fist—Vic, just 21, was little more than a freshman in the trade, with only sixteen months of professional experience behind him.

Aside from the unusual activity in championship bouts, perhaps 1950's outstanding development on the world-wide front was Germany's re-entry into the open competitive market, and the frequent international cards staged in Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, Munich, Dusseldorf, Dortmund and other major centers of "Deutschland." The most important bout, of course, was the one in which the American, Jersey Joe Walcott, outpointed the German heavyweight champion, Hein ten Hoff, in Mannheim. Other American visitors to Germany included Gene Jones, Elkins Brothers, Lloyd Marshall, Ken Stribling, Burl Charity, Stonewall Jackson and Al Hoosman.

THOUGH no world titles were involved, Australia was an exceptionally lively spot for international bouts during the year. Among the many invaders of the island continent were a French-Belgian troupe that included Alex Sinnaeve, Karel Joris, Bob Scrivano and Jean Mougin; a Siamese-Indian team of Chai Sitphol, Prasong, Kid Singh, Klong Phupinjo and Louis DeJsada, and, of course, the usual allotment of Americans, which numbered Freddie Dawson, Charley Williams, Baby Ortiz, Vic Eisen, Joe Brown, Henry Brimm and Carl (Bobo) Olson.

The prolific Sands clan of Australia did a bit of traveling on its own. Dave, George and Alfie all fought in Singapore. Alfie also showed in Manila. Clem campaigned in New Zealand.

RAY ROBINSON'S jaunt across the Atlantic was noteworthy for two reasons—(a) it marked the first time in his career that Sugar Ray had strayed beyond the borders of the United States, and (b) it gave Europeans a chance to look over the most polished fighting machine the ring has produced in a generation.

Two of Lee Savold's stablemates, Pat Comiskey and Don Mogard, were with Lee in Britain during the year. Mogard also fought in Sweden and Germany.

That extensive traveler, Sandy Saddler, slowed down somewhat in his 1950 ramblings. Sandy made only one trip outside the United States, and that was for a quick two-bout stayover in Venezuela.

Another prominent American to strut his stuff in foreign soil during the year was Tommy Yarosz, who hopped over to London for a date with the youthful British middleweight champion, Randolph Turpin

Probably the No. 1 globe-trotter of the moment, Aaron Joshua, is on the last lap of a 'round-the-world junket that started in his native Calcutta, India, in 1947. Aaron has been traveling by easy stages. Arriving in the United States, he campaigned up and down the Pacific Coast for the better part of a year, then headed east, with a stopover in New Orleans. He operated out of New York for six months, then crossed the Atlantic for a brief campaign in Britain. Next, he fought in Milan, Italy, and from there he moved on to Haifa, Israel. For some reason, he suddenly bounced back to England, but at last reports was setting sail for India, with a couple of likely stops on the way.

There's one thing that must be said for this boxing business—folks certainly do get around.

EVERYBODY'S A FIGHT FAN NOW

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Company television commentator, offered video viewers a digest of the point-score system instituted in New York by Eddie Eagan, chairman of the State Athletic Commission.

Powers had anticipated a sizeable request, but the demand was overwhelming. More than 10,000 digests of the scoring rules were sent to television fight customers. They're all fans now.

The International Boxing Club, which has been beset by gate woes recently, has graciously conceded that television broadcasts of the fights at Madison Square Garden, at the St. Nicholas Arena, at the Chicago Stadium and at the Detroit Olympia had cut into the paying audience.

"But these television fans," insists Harry Markson, managing director of the IBC, "will eventually become the fans who will flock into the arenas."

If this is so, and it might well be, boxing is in for a surge of prosperity in the years ahead. For sure, it needs it. Certainly, the reservoir of television-made fight fans is overflowing. Whether this will pour gold into the box offices is anybody's guess. Meanwhile there's no gainsaying that everybody's a fight fan now. Well, not everybody. The coaxial cable hasn't crisscrossed the country as yet.

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU
By Prof. Wilfred Stephenson

ARTIE TOWNE, the North American middleweight who, a fortnight ago scored a very brilliant victory over Antonio Frontado, local favorite, outpointed Carlos Perez, who hails from Santo Domingo, at the Acho Arena. Towne landed punches that were effective enough to bend the knees of most ordinary fighters, but the sturdy Zurdo de Higuamo, as Perez is generally called, fought his way through to the end of the bout, losing seven rounds and winning only three. There were no knockdowns.

In a fast ten-rounder on the same card, Julio Franco and Angel Risco made their appearance. Franco tried for a knockout, but Risco's stamina kept him on his feet throughout the route, though he lost the fight on a very wide margin.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

CINCINNATI had its first heavyweight championship in history on the night of December 5, when Ezzard Charles knocked out Nick Barone of Syracuse, N. Y., in the 11th round at the Cincinnati Gardens.

The bout had been postponed one week due to the snowstorms in this area; 10,085 fans came into the Gardens and laid $53,334 on the line to witness the Sam and Benny Becker promoted heavyweight championship scrap. The details of the fight will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Promoters Becker will have to go out and find real featherweight opposition for Eddie Burgin, the local boy who looked cute in hammering Art Llanos out of the picture in a pair of rounds. Burgin is a terrific crowd pleaser.

Around Fountain Square—My 13th annual boxing promoters and managers Guide for 1951 will be out early in January at one buck per copy. . . . My fight flashes monthly sheet is available at one dollar per year and my weekly boxing letter is ten dollars per year for 52 issues. . . . Lew Lawhead, sports editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, is one of the biggest boosters of boxing in Southern Ohio. . . . Rumor has it that Harry Hartman will return to the promotional wars. . . . To George Murphy, secretary of the Cincinnati Boxing Commission we extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of his wife late in November. . . . Ed Happy Davis, former Louisville boxing figure, is now confined to the Waverly Hills Sanitarium in Waverly, Ky., and Hap would welcome mail.

MEMORABLE FIGHTS

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one in the park if the wounded German wasn't handed the world's title right then and there.

Aside from its unpleasant finis, the Pep-Saddler match had other and more admirable sidelights which made it a genuine 1950 highlight.

It set a record for gate receipts in the 126 pound division far outstripping the runner-up Dundee-Criqui bout in 1923 which drew $134,416 to Pep-Saddler's $262,150. Leaving TV out in the cold, it outdrew the Louis-Charles heavyweight title fight, held a few weeks later, both in receipts and spectators.

FOR many years a suspicious eye has been cast upon "charity" bouts. This attitude has been sometimes justified, although in all fairness, the charity bouts which have been "busts" have been harped upon and spotlighted while those with happy endings are conveniently forgotten. Such a one was the Italian Hospital Fund Show run by Humbert J. Fugazy back in 1925. According to the records, the hospital actually wound up with more than $100,000 after all the returns were in out of a gate of $400,000.

Charity involved also profited handsomely from the receipts of the Benny Leonard-Richie Mitchell lightweight title bout, a blueblood affair spearheaded by Anne Morgan, daughter of the great "J. P.," back in 1921. There have been others, notably the two Joe Louis fights for Army and Navy Relief at the outset of World War II. In both of these, as everyone recalls, Louis donated his entire purse. This amounted to $89,000 for Navy Relief and $64,000 for the Army.

Nineteen-fifty presented a real, honest-to-goodness benefit bout in which the charity implicated scored heavily, the Ray Robinson-Charley Fusari welter title match in Jersey City on August 9. The bout itself turned out to be a dainty affair with Sugar Ray probably carried away by the spirit of the occasion, giving a most "merciful" performance and Fusari apparently none too anxious to irritate the "charitable" champion.

Yet everyone wound up satisfied. Fusari's Jersey followers, and there were plenty of them, were glad to see their boy in there at the finish and none the worse for the experience. The Robinson adherents basked in the obvious superiority of the Sugar Baby.

Many of the high-paying ringsiders at the much ballyhooed benefit battle, were of the Hollywood, big business, and Broadway glamour crowd who were there for effect and were well repaid by the attention paid them by Cancer Fund Boss Walter Winchell in lengthy pre-fight introductions. So they were happy. Average fight fans were consoled by the published figures which revealed the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, a most worthy movement, had actually benefited to the extent of $50,000 including Robinson's entire purse. Since all this particular fund's money actually goes to fight this dread disease, in the final analysis the bout had to be regarded as a success.

FROM a stateside standpoint the Mills-Maxim bout held over in England caused a ripple of amazement. U. S. fans had anticipated British enthusiasm over Maxim's ring artistry with which they were all too familiar. They weren't wrong here as the overseas fans went overboard in praise of the Cleveland Italian's particular brand of skill.

The British weren't prepared for a Maxim knockout over so rugged a character as Freddie Mills, for Maxim has never been noted for hard punching. As a result, there should be more than average interest in Maxim's next start against a worthwhile foe. Many veterans predict that Maxim may be following in the footsteps of old Mike M'Tigue, for years a most cautious individual who, when aged crept upon him, started knocking his opponents stiff.

Probably worthy of mention in this 1950 resume, should be the Ray Robinson-Robert Villemain bout held in Philadelphia on June 5. In this one the State of Pennsylvania dethroned Champion Jake LaMotta within the confines of that state and presented its own version of a middleweight title bout. With the previously shown superiority of both Robinson and Villemain over LaMotta as a selling point, the Pennsylvania Commission dubbed the bout a title one, and declared Robinson middleweight champion in the State of Pennsylvania when Sugar Ray defeated the rugged Frenchman.

There were a lot of raised eyebrows over this, until the Pennsylvanians pointed out that New York State had been doing the same sort of thing for a long time.

Surprisingly enough, Massachusetts saw eye-to-eye with Pennsylvania on this, even though both are members of the N.B.A. which still upholds LaMotta and following his victory over the Massachusetts State middleweight champ, Joe Rindone, the Bay State commission crowned Robinson "middleweight champion of the world" in that state, too. THE RING considers duplicate titleholders a detriment to any division, definitely discourages it, and the Robinson-Villemain Pennsylvania "title" bout may have set a troublesome 1950 precedent.

Among the non-title settos, the Rex Layne-Jersey Joe Walcott bout is noteworthy among 1950 fights if for no other reason than that it has been a long, long time since the dope and the odds were so far off in any fight. A win by the wily Jersey veteran was taken for granted by press and public and this opinion was reflected in the five and four to one odds offered with few takers.

Beyond a doubt this contest—an easy victory for Layne—was the big surprise of 1950.

FLOWERS FOR McTIGUE

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opened a gash above Flowers' left eye. The round was about even.

McTigue, obviously tired, fell back on his defensive skill in the eighth, and permitted Flowers to assume the aggressive and take the round by a clear margin.

Apparently realizing that he was losing, Mike pulled himself together in the ninth and scored with several vicious clouts to Flowers' body. But the Tiger, piling up points at long range, had the better of the stanza.

Though both men were tired, the tenth and final session produced some of the liveliest action of the fight. McTigue started things going by scoring with a left hook to Flowers' chin, but the Tiger came back with a blistering two-handed offensive that had Mike bewildered. McTigue fought desperately, and succeeded in reaching the Georgian speedster with some solid whacks to the body, but Flowers outscored him four to one, and carried the round by a clear margin.

Then came the decision!

In those days, the referee was not required to cast his vote unless the judges disagreed. In this instance the two guest officials were in accord. And *what* accord! Though it was the unanimous opinion of the ringside authorities that Flowers had won decisively, the Messrs Gimbel and Brady decided for McTigue!

The verdict immediately unloosened one of the noisiest demonstrations the Garden has ever known. For several exciting minutes it looked as though a riot would break out. But order finally was restored, and a day or two later Tex Rickard announced that Flowers, not McTigue, would be rewarded with a title match. The Tiger was given a chance at Harry Greb and the middleweight championship in the Garden two months later.

(The next chapter in this series of important bouts staged in the House That Tex Built during the past quarter-century will cover the international middleweight match between Dave Shade of America and Roland Todd of England on New Year's Night, 1926.)

MAINE, N.H., VERMONT NEWS

By Doc Avery

BIDDEFORD, ME.—The American Vets organization of this city has purchased a building for a home for the members and their friends where they can hold business and social functions. The boys were planning to make arrangements to raise funds to help pay off the mortgage on the building. The writer was contacted to aid them in raising these funds. Boxing bouts to be run weekly were suggested by the writer and the Vets agreed that they would be able to make a go of this sport.

Dick Russell, formerly of Lynn, Mass., and now residing in Biddeford and the writer are going to help the Vets.

Chick Hayes, the Portland promoter, has kept the boxing game alive even if he lost money in promoting bouts in the past few years. He also has been promoting wrestling matches weekly. Paul Junior informs the writer that he has a number of pretty good boys that he is developing and managing.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By JERSEY JONES

BACK in 1937, in his first outing as world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis outpointed Tommy Farr in New York's Yankee Stadium.

Eleven years later, in the same arena, Louis' last successful defense of his laurels produced a knockout over Jersey Joe Walcott.

Within the brief span of a week and a half recently, Louis, Farr and Walcott, all closing in on the 37-year mark, figured prominently, but not too favorably, in ring doings. Farr and Walcott both suffered unexpected defeats, and Louis, though a winner, displayed little of his once-devastating form.

Walcott's setback by crude but willing Rex Layne in Madison Square Garden was a real surprise. Practically nobody, outside Rex's own menage, expected the Utah youngster to come even close to Jersey Joe. The general advance verdict tabbed it an obvious mismatch—a promising kid being rushed to premature destruction. But, whatever his shortcomings, Layne had enough of what was needed to prove that Walcott no longer has the speed or the stamina to step along with any strong young slugger who can fight even a little.

Louis was just a tired old man in his affair with awkward Cesar Brion in Chicago. He was slow and uncertain, and couldn't seem to put two punches together. To those who remembered him at his spectacular peak, the Louis of the Brion episode was a pathetic caricature of a once-great fighting machine. All that remained of that machine was a straight left, and, fortunately for Joe, that was all he needed to fumble his way to a decision over the clumsy Argentino.

Farr's defeat by Lloyd Marshall in Carmarthen, Wales, must have been a stunning shock to Tonypandy Tommy. And the Welshman wasn't left with even the consolation of being able to attribute it to his opponent's "youth." Marshall, only a year and a half younger than Farr, had been considered more or less "washed-up" by American authorities for some time. By way of adding insult to injury, Lloyd spotted Tommy a considerable advantage in weight. A normal 170-pounder, Marshall built himself up to 178½ for the bout, and even at that he conceded a load of beef to Farr, who came in at 196¾.

Pause just a moment, oh Time, in thy flight,
And please make the old guys quit trying to fight.

LAYNE'S win over Walcott and Jack Gardner's surprising kayo of Bruce Woodcock for the British title have combined to toss a bit of needed animation into the apathetic heavyweight scene.

There's nothing like "new faces" to help pull the sock market out of a slump, and if a few other kids come along, and move in with Layne and Gardner, boxing can expect something of a resurgence in box-office activity, which has been steadily declining in recent years because of a stagnancy of talent.

How far Layne and Gardner will travel in their respective quests for fistic glory and its attendant financial returns is something, of course, that remains to be seen. Neither can be regarded at the moment as a serious contender for Ezzard Charles' titular laurels, but they're both comparative youngsters, with their futures well ahead of them, and there's no saying what another year or two of experience will do for them.

Layne revealed a lot of technical faults in his affair with Walcott. He is crude at times in his boxing, doesn't seem to have much of a defense, and his left hand needs considerable polishing. But he's a strong, rugged kid, and seems to pack plenty of steam behind his right. For a young heavyweight, he knows enough to bang away at his opponent's body—an unusual trait in this era of "head hunters." As a matter of fact, it was Layne's lusty body belting that actually whipped Walcott. Jersey Joe's ancient legs were decidedly rubbery in the closing rounds from those whacks to the mid-section.

Gardner, husky 208-pound chicken farmer of Market Harborough, had been fighting professionally less than two years when he stopped Woodcock in London. In 23 bouts in the money ranks, Jack has halted 19 opponents, which would indicate that he carries some authority in those fists. He has suffered two defeats, both at the hands of that ringwise Canadian veteran, Vern Escoe. But the young man apparently is the sort to profit from adversity. Before the Escoe bouts, Gardner was regarded as just a strong kid with a punch, but who knew little of boxing and seemed "too slow," both physically and mentally, to improve much. After his meetings with Escoe, however, there was a noticeable change for the better. Gardner must have picked up some valuable pointers in those bouts with the Canadian—after Escoe was beaten by Johnny Williams, Jack came back to whip Williams.

KNOWN chiefly as a sports editor and later a prominent lawyer and politician in Rhode Island, Charley Coppen, who died recently at the age of 70 in his native Providence, will be recalled by veteran campaigners as an active figure in the rugged leather-pushing trade during the early 20's.

While boss of the Providence *Journal's* sports department, Coppen had something more than a rooting interest in both the local fight club and a bantam who rated as one of the shiftiest boxers of his era. And those were the days when the 118-pound division wa loaded with talent.

The young man, Russian-born but Providence-raised, was officially entitled Maurice Billingkoff, but adopted the quaint *nom de boxe*, "Young Montreal," for his ring activities. Of frail physique, with a balding pate that made him look much older than he was, his appearance belied his exceptional abilities.

They didn't come much cleverer than Montreal, nee Billingkoff. He tangled with all the top bantams of the time, and his losses were far outnumbered by his wins. Among his better performances were two decisions over Pete Herman. Other good 'uns he met included Joe Lynch, Jack Sharkey, Abe Friedman, Roy Moore, Bobby (Bad News) Eber, Terry Martin, Memphis Pal Moore, Frankie Mason, Joe Burman, Carl Tremaine, Abe Goldstein, Joe O'Donnell, Jabez White, Midget Smith, Danny Edwards, Irish Johnny Curtin, Kid Williams, Pancho Villa, Chick Suggs, Tony Canzoneri, Bushy Graham, Bud Taylor and Fidel LaBarba. Many of them he met not once but often.

One of the grittiest exhibitions we've ever seen was turned in by Montreal in the Old Garden. It was his first appearance in a New York ring, and his opponent was Midget Smith. The Midget came a-roaring out of his corner at the opening bell, and Montreal hardly had time to put up his hands when he was on the canvas. In going down, he sprained his left ankle. Though he must have suffered excruciating agony the rest of the way, the Providence lad refused to quit. Hobbling around on his one good leg, Montreal gave a remarkable performance of defensive boxing against his rugged, hard-hitting opponent. Smith won the decision, but Montreal, teeth gritted against the pain of his injured ankle, was still there, fighting back, when the tenth round ended.

Watching Ray Famechon blast Archie Devino out of circulation in a few seconds less than seven full rounds reminded us that French fighters have done pretty well for themselves in current Madison Square Garden.

Without delving too deeply into the musty archives, but checking mainly from memory, we find that in the twenty-five years' existence of The House That Tex Built, visitors from the land of the lily have appeared in fourteen Garden main events, and have put together nine wins and one draw against only four defeats. The record would read even better had Robert Villemain been awarded the decision he earned in the first of his two meetings with Jake LaMotta.

The first Frenchman to top a Garden card, lightweight Lucien Vinez, was beaten by Sid Terris.

Then, Georges Carpentier, at the tail-end of his long, colorful career, came over for a date with Eddie Huffman. It was called a draw.

Andre Routis, in his only Garden appearance, whipped Tony Canzoneri for the world feather-weight title.

Next, heavyweight Andre Lenglet outfumbled Hans Birkie.

Marcel Cerdan posted the best record of the lot, with three wins in as many starts. He shellacked Georgie Abrams and knocked out Harold Green and Laverne Roach.

Villemain's score reads two and two, with wins over Pete Mead and LaMotta and losses to Steve Belloise and LaMotta.

Laurent Dauthuille, in his only outing, whipped Paddy Young.

Famechon, who had lost to Willie Pep in his one previous showing, brought his Garden average up to .500 by halting Devino.

Dick Griffin, who died recently in Fort Worth, was a fine bantam prospect when Leo P. Flynn brought him to New York thirty years ago. A native of Albuquerque, N. M., he had been operating chiefly in and around Texas, and had tangled with such good 'uns as Pete Herman, Memphis Pal Moore, Roy Moore, Joe Burman, Joe Lynch, Earl Puryear, Young Zulu Kid and Frankie Mason. "Dandy Dick" they tagged him, and the label was not misplaced. A flashy kid, and a stiff puncher, Griffin did well during his year's stay in the east. One of his better performances was to knock out Benny Coster, shifty Chinatown veteran, in one of the preliminaries on the Jack Demsey-Georges Carpentier card in Jersey City.

Griffin's promising ring career was cut short by failing eyesight. He returned to Texas, and after he became totally blind in 1934 he turned to fight promotions, operating for several years in Dallas. He was 52 when he died.

A queer twist to the Ezzard Charles-Nick Barone affair in Cincinnati was that a light-heavyweight was given a crack at the heavyweight title on the strength of a decision over a middleweight. It was the win that Barone (173¼) posted over Jimmy Beau (159¼) at the St. Nick Arena here that prompted his nomination for the date with 185-pound Charles.

We don't know what strange affinity exists between boxers and the police, but it is remarkable how many ex-pugs have become cops.

Frankie Manna, former New Jersey referee and sports writer, recently tossed a get-together of old-time fighters in Newark, and the joint was practically overrun by custodians of law and order.

Bayonne was represented by three of 'em—Lieutenant Billy Vidabeck, Sergeant Johnny Howard and Detective Fred (Sailor) Fritts.

Harrison contributed Sergeant Willie McGuigan.

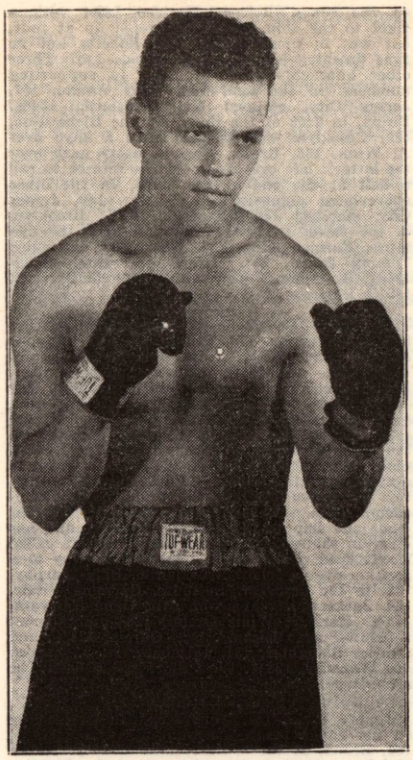
From Cranford came Mickey Walker's old rival, Officer Georgie Ward.

Jersey City sent Lieutenant Owen McCabe, more readily recalled by the old crowd as Young Rector.

The Newark delegation included Detective Ben Douglas and Officers Joe Nisivoccia (Joe Ross) and Frank Schenck.

Among the hundred or more other former beak-busters present were Joe Shugrue, Mickey Delmont, Dave Kurtz, Willie Crystal, Terega Kid (Maxie Beiner) Freddie Freda, Willie LaMorte, Mickey Greb, Jack McFarland, Danny Ardito, Maxie Fisher and Allie Stolz. (What the fight trade couldn't do with a reasonable facsimile of that mob operating today!)

Lou Indaco drops in to tell us he is bringing his nephew, Pete Indaco, over from England shortly. Pete, a lightweight, is considered one of the better young prospects in and around London, and Uncle Lou feels that a few months of practical experience in American gyms and rings would do the young man a lot of good. Jimmy August will look after his training here. . . . Jack Hurley has been in town recently, trying to interest local promoters in his light-heavy hope, Harry (Kid) Matthews, who is long overdue for a chance on the Big Time. . . . Another lad we'd like to see in a New York ring is Terry Moore, 21-year-old Baltimore 152-pounder, one of the neatest packages of fighting material we've spotted in some time. We caught our first peek at Moore when he blasted out a quick kayo over tough Lou Pompey on the Ray Robinson-Bobo Olson card in Philadelphia, and a week or so later we spotted him as he whipped his home-



Lou Valles, veteran East Side middleweight, who caused a sensation by flattening previously unbeaten Roger Donoghue at Ridgewood Grove.

town rival, Bobby Lee, in a sensational brawl in Baltimore. The kid can fight. . . . South Africa's latest heavyweight hope is 19-year-old Rex Christie, who measures an altitudinous 6 feet, 5½ inches, and bounces the scales at 208 pounds.

The month's results:

With the White Plains County Center taken over by a flower show, its TV date was shifted for a one-night reopening of Sunnyside Garden. In the windup, listed for eight rounds, Johnny Kamber, 134½, Livingston, N. J., was too big, strong and experienced for promising Frankie Carrao, 129½, East Side, and won by a kayo in 1:32 of the fourth. Despite handicaps in height, reach and weight, Carrao gave an interesting account of himself until he ran into a lusty right and was dropped for seven near the end of the third. Another right finished him midway through the fourth. Phil Morizio, 135½, Yorkville, edged out Tim Dalton, 138, Chicago, in a hard-fought semi-final six. Sam Guiliani, 144½, Stamford, Conn., whipped Matt Corbin, 135¼, Long Island City, in another six. In fours, Max Osario, 126½, Puerto Rico, won over Vinnie Calderone, 126½, East Side; Tony Carotta, 125, East Side, decisioned Mickey Fuchs, 129, Jamaica, and Gene Ganley, 119, Brooklyn, drew with a borough rival, Patsy Croce, 121½.

Returning to the ring after a six-months' layoff, during which he underwent an operation for appendicitis, Charley Norkus, 195½, Bayonne, dropped a decision to Duilio Spagnola, 184½, Italy, in a dull, tugging-and-hauling eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Norkus showed little inclination to fight and spent most of the time clutching Spagnola. The Italian did what little fighting there was and deserved the verdict on aggressiveness if little else. Harold Drucker, 161½, East Side, outpointed Ed Godbold, 166, Staten Island, in the semi-final six. Ernie Roberts, 138½, East Side, had the better of Luis Escuter, 139½, Puerto Rico, in another six. In fours, Johnny Tirado, 146¼, Bronx, was a winner over Claude Darcy, 144, West Side; Joe Stenger, 149¾, Cliffside Park, N. J., outfought Frank Hogan, 148, West Side, and Pete Arabella, 146, Brooklyn, polished off Paddy Reynolds, 149¾, West Side, in the second.

Stepping out fast and piling up a big early lead, Kid Gavilan, 147, Cuba, staved off a strong finish by Billy Graham, 145, East Side, to take the decision and square the score in their return ten in Madison Square Garden. In the semi-final, listed for eight, Billy Murphy, 135½, Brooklyn, floored Joey Scarlota, 134¼, Harlem, three times in the seventh before the referee called a halt at 2:26. Two prelims also were shortened by kayos, Libby Manzo, 129¼, Elmhurst, requiring only 26 seconds to eliminate Mickey Zezza, 130, East Side, and Art Suffoletta, 138¼, Bridgeport, Conn., stopping Eduardo Carrasco, 137, Peru, in the fourth. In two other numbers, Tommy Varsos, 153¾, Milwaukee, outpointed Freddie Menna, 154¾, Jamaica, in six, and Eddie Vail, 157¾, West Side, drew with Dom Zimbardo, 156, Elizabeth, N. J. The show drew only 6,567 clients and a disappointing gross of $20,092.

Down for eight in the sixth and staggering at the bell, Lou Valles, 151½, East Side, came back in the next frame to register one of the season's top surprises—a knockout of previously unbeaten Roger Donoghue, 153½, Yonkers, at the Ridgewood Grove. A left hook and a short right spilled Donoghue for the full count in 2:18 of the seventh. Roger had run off 20 straight wins before disaster caught up to him. Chico Vejar, 143½, Stamford, Conn., whipped Larry Gassa, 147, Washington Heights, in the semi-final six. Tony Allegro, 137¼, Bronx, won over Johnny Marino, 139½, Brooklyn, in another six. In fours, Ralph Jones, 152, White Plains, decisioned Henry Burrows, 153, Brooklyn; Frank Grillo, 130, Brooklyn, fought to a draw with Tommy Dixon, 131, Washington Heights, and Billy Bailey, 192, Tulsa, Okla., stiffened Sylvester Jones, 205, Brooklyn, in 46 seconds of the final frame.

After nearly a year of in-again-out-again billings, those two former Pennsylvania amateur rivals, Frankie Sodano, 123, Philadelphia, and Bill Bossio, 121½ Pittsburgh, finally got together at the White Plains County Center, with the rangier Sodano a clear winner in a fast-moving eight. The Philadelphian had too much of a left hand for the chunky, aggressive Bossio. In an all-Jersey semi-final, Tony Cimarino, 148½, Bayonne, drew with Dick Cannady, 150¼, Newark, in six. Bruno Lijoi, 138½, Brooklyn, won over Vito Drago, 141, New Albany, Ind., in another six. In fours, Basil Marie, 138½, Philadelphia, finished ahead of Joe Moore, 139¾, Hempstead; Joey Kraus, 140½, Bronx, flattened Frank Hogan, 143¾, Hamilton, Ont., in the first, and Eddie Wenger, 148, Bronx, polished off Jimmy DeMazi, 144, New Rochelle, in the third.

Before a sparse turnout that resembled an intimate gathering of friends and relatives, Johnny Bratton, 151¾, Chicago, polished off Johnny Cesario, 148, Boston, in three rounds at the St. Nick Arena. Cesario, a sucker for Bratton's right, was down once in the first and three times in the third, the bell clanging as he hit the canvas on the last trip. Referee Petey Scalzo didn't bother to give Cesario the benefit of the minute's rest. He felt the Bostonian had had enough, and wisely called a halt. Johnny (Red) DeFazio, 148, Bayonne, won over Joey Atria, 145, Bronx, in the semi-final eight. Libby Manzo, 130¼, Elmhurst, was held to a draw by Charley Slaughter, 131, Elizabeth, N. J., in six. Sam Guiliani, 144½, Stamford, Conn., whipped Jack Randolph, 148, Dorsey, Miss., in another six. Angel Martinez, 175½, Newark, was awarded the decision over Bernard Hoffman, 174, Bayonne, in an all-Jersey four.

Getting himself penalized the fifth for a low punch and the eighth for an allegedly illegal use of an elbow cost Omelio Agramonte, 192, Cuba, the decision in his semi-final eight with Elkins Brothers, 190¾, Newcastle, Pa., on the Layne-Walcott card in the Garden. Brothers did well enough in the early rounds, but faded toward the end. The bell saved him at the count of five in the seventh, and he barely staggered through to the finish. A Layne stablemate, Jack Nelson, 183, Salt Lake City, whipped Ralph Schneider, 210, Chicago, in six. A member of the Walcott troupe didn't fare so well in another prelim, Carlton Moore, 174, Camden, getting flattened by Art Henri, 184½, Jamaica, in 1:33 of the first. In other numbers, Levi Bryant, 185, Cincinnati, outpointed Odell Riley, 183, Chicago, in six; Jim Bailey, 192½, Tulsa, Okla., kayoed Freddie Ucci, 200, White Plains, in the fourth, and Mandy Leal, 146, Rochester, stopped Irving Wallach, 144½, East Side, in the third. A slim crowd of 5,995 paid a gross of $19,676.

For the fifth time in six weeks, a knockout abbreviated the Ridgewood Grove's headline attraction, Walter Haines, 143½, Brooklyn, blasting out an upset win over a borough rival, Carmine Fiore, 145 in 2:35 of the fourth. Two other kayos were uncovered in supporting numbers. Chick Boucher, 139, orginally of Manchester, Conn., now billing himself out of the Bronx, halted Herb Dudley, 137, Harlem, in the last round of a six, and Johnny Cerky, 148½, West Side, polished off Joe Moore, 144½, Hempstead, in the third of a four. Carmine Vitale, 159½, Jackson Heights, stepped along on even terms with Tommy McGowan, 148½, West Side, in the semi-final six; George Flores, 144½, East Side, hustled his way to a decision over Matt Corbin, 140¾, Long Island City, in another six, and Tommy Dixon, 134½, Long Island City, had the better of Jimmy Carabella, 137 East Side, in four.

Dropped early in the second, Pat Marcune, 129¾, Coney Island, came back in impressive fashion to dump Jimmy Rooney, 127, Bridgeport, Conn., later in the same round, floor him again in the third, then box and punch his way to a unanimous decision in a fast-moving, action-packed eight at the White Plains County Center. Marcune showed vast improvement over the form he displayed in his losing affair with Tito Valles in the same ring two weeks previously. Unbeaten Chico Vejar, 147½, Stamford, Conn., battered out a kayo over Kelly Duncan, 147, Astoria, in

the fourth of the semi-final. Frank Gubas, 146½, Paterson, N. J., was a winner over Phil Rizzo, 152, Brooklyn, in six. In fours, Tommy Coleman, 135, West Side, whipped Stan McPherson, 136, Toronto, Ont.; Sid Edwards, 168½, Newark, punched out a verdict over Henry Harper, 164½, Harlem, and Eddie Vail, 157½, New Rochelle, finished off Fred Poultney, 160, Elizabeth, N. J., in the third.

Though bothered somewhat by his opponent's awkward style, Bill Neri, 138½, rangy Bridgeporter now fighting out of Brooklyn, had too much of everything for Marouk Markarian, 146½, Argentina, in a rugged eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Neri's speed and snappier punching gave him the edge in seven rounds, with Markarian credited with only the fourth. Bruno Lijoi, 137, Brooklyn, was awarded a disputed decision over Phil Morizio, 133½, Yorkville, in a co-featured eight. The officials apparently decided that Lijoi's bustling aggressiveness had more than offset Morizio's better boxing and snappier punching. In fours, Tony Carotta, 124½, East Side, outpointed Mario Salsenti, 126½, Brooklyn; Cass Sukalsi (Johnny Gale), 159, Newark, copped the award over Ben Perez, 163½, Puerto Rico; Patsy Croce, 121½, stopped a fellow-Brooklynite, Gene Conley, 119¾, in the first, and Julie Leonard, 173, Bronx, outclassed Pete Couvaris, 171, West Side, the referee calling a halt in the second.

Celebrating his North American debut in sensational style, Jose Gatica, 138¾, Argentina, slugged out a kayo over the veteran Terry Young, 140, East Side, in the semi-final ten to the Ray Famechon-Archie Devino affair in Madison Square Garden, Referee Frank Fullam intervening at 1:12 of the fourth to save Young from further punishment. Not much for the niceties of boxing, the stocky Gatica proved himself to be a strong, willing, aggressive sort, with a busy pair of fists packing plenty of authority. In another ten, Vic Cardell, 147, Hartford, was a surprise winner over Don Williams, 146½, Worcester, in an all-New England get-together. In fours, Julie Colon, 135, Brooklyn, scored two knockdowns in winning over Ralph Giardano, 134½, Newark, and Ernie Smith, 126½, Washington, D. C., kayoed Charley DeBow, 132, Springfield, Mass., in 1:08 of the final frame. The attendance was only 5,170 and the receipts a disappointing $16,099.

Tabbed as something of a soft touch, Tommy Varsos, 153, Milwaukee, came through with a surprisingly good showing against popular Jimmy Herring, 158, Ozone Park, in a busy six at the Ridgewood Grove. Varsos lost the decision, but made Herring step his liveliest all the way. The verdict stretched Herring's winning streak to ten straight, and fourteen out of fifteen for the year. Nick Mistovich, 157½, Youngstown, O., won over Jimmy Doxie, 158¾, Florence, Ala., in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Sonny Volpe, 143¾, Brooklyn, outpointed Bobby Gainville, 140¾, Harlem, and Harold Drucker, 161, West Side, kayoed Jimmy Garcia, 157½, in the fifth. In a pair of all-Brooklyn fours, Frankie Grillo, 129½, won over Willie Orsini, 129, and Frankie Mucci, 151½, stopped Dom Cirelli, 146½, with 31 seconds to go.

In what may have been his last start in the ring before going into the Army, Tito Valles, 126, East Side, edged out a close but unanimous decision over Tony Longo, 125¼, Baltimore, in a hard-fought eight at the White Plains County Center. Concentrating on infighting, Valles piled up a big early lead that Longo's stronger finish couldn't quite overcome. The only knockout on the card was posted in the semi-final when an ugly gash over the left eye of Norman Thompson, 144, Toronto, prompted the referee to call a halt at 1:02 of the fifth and declare Dick Cannady, 147, Newark, the winner. Libby Manzo, 130, Elmhurst, outpunched Alex Fimbres, 124¾, Phoenix, Ariz., in a rugged six. In fours, Max Osario, 127, Puerto Rico, won over Tony Amabile, 125, Yonkers; Vinnie LaRegina, 145½, Bronx, decisioned Dickie Wilson, 141½, Waldwick, N. J., and Eddie Wenger, 147½, Bronx, copped the nod over Howie Seligny, 150½, Brooklyn.

After a fairly even opening round at the Ridgewood Grove, Walter Haines, 143, Brooklyn, uncorked a short right in the second that clipped Hy Melzer, 143¾, East Side, flush on the button and sat him down with a thud. Badly befuddled, Melzer stumbled to his feet at nine, but he was so groggy that the referee decided he'd had enough. Time of round: 2:14. In a free-swinging semi-final six, Phil Rizzo, 148, Astoria, finished the stronger to edge out Georgie Flores, 146, East Side. Ralph Jones, 153, Brooklyn, used his big advantages in height and reach to outpoint Tommy McGowan, 148½, Harlem, in another six. In fours, Patsy Croce, 122½, Brooklyn, had the better of a borough neighbor, Tony Carotta, 124¾. Al Miang, 158½, Harlem, polished off Ben Perez, 164, Puerto Rico, in the final frame, and Johnny Giacco, 125, Brooklyn, knocked out Manuel Baptista, 128½, New Bedford, Mass., in the second.

After a fairly even four rounds, Bruno Lijoi, 136½, ran into disaster in the fifth with a Brooklyn rival, Ernie Roberts, 138, at the Eastern Parkway Arena. During an exchange on the ropes, Roberts tumbled Lijoi with a right to the chin. Bruno staggered up at four, but was in tough shape, and Roberts lost no time finishing him. Time of round: 1:37. Three other knockouts were produced in supporting numbers. In the semi-final, Tony Amato, 157, Jersey City, stopped Mel Goldsmith, 154½, Bronx, in 2:50 of the third. Jerome Richardson, 160, Brooklyn, was credited with a kayo over Al Winn, 165, Bronx, when a nasty gash over the latter's left eye prompted the referee to call a halt at the end of the third. In the other abbreviated number, Pete Adams, 149, Jersey City, starched Joe Tomasello, 151½, Brooklyn, in the third. In two fours that went the distance, Furman King, 133, West Side, decisioned Tommy Dixon, 134, Bronx, and Fred Maby, 135¼, St. Albans, drew with Sandy McPherson, 135½, Paterson.

Outlasting his opponent in a savage belting bee, Bob Murphy, 170, San Diego, Cal., stopped Jimmy Beau, 165¼, New Canaan, Conn., in 1:56 of the seventh in Madison Square Garden. Beau gave a good account of himself in the early rounds, but couldn't maintain the blistering pace. He barely survived the fifth, was battered to the canvas for nine in the sixth, and was on the verge of utter collapse when Referee Mark Conn halted the carnage in the seventh. A crude preliminary kid, James J. Parker, 181, Toronto, was outclassed by Dan Bucceroni, 174¾, Philadelphia, in the semi-final, and after Parker made one trip to the floor in the first and another in the second, Referee Jim Freeman called it off. Fred Monforte, 138, hustled his way to a decision over a fellow-Brooklynite, Billy Murphy, 138, in the first ten. In fours, Carmine Vitale, 160, Jackson Heights, won over Donald Bryant, 158¾, Harlem; Willie Orsini, 126½, outpointed a fellow-Puerto Rican, Angel Garcia, 124½, and Charley Slaughter, 131, Elizabeth, N. J., kayoed Joe Wamsley, 128¼, West Side, in the first. The attendance was 6,667 and the gross $20,743.

Jimmy Flood, 165, Yorkville, had a real fight on his hands before he won over Sal Belloise, 162, Bronx, at the White Plains County Center. The bout was halted at the end of the fifth because of an ugly gash over Belloise's eye, but the youngest of the battling Bronx brothers gave the aggressive, free-swinging Flood some rough moments while was in there. Taking full advantage of his height and long reach, Belloise used a stinging left jab and a snappy right uppercut to counter Flood's headlong assaults. Pat Thomas, 125, Washington, D. C., survived an early knockdown to outpoint Richie Crump, 130, Bronx, in the semi-final six. Wilfred Dancosse, 121, Manchester, Conn., kayoed Alex Fimbres, 126¾, Phoenix, Ariz., in the fifth of another six. In fours, Tony Amabile, 123¾, Yonkers, won over Mario Salsanti, 126, Brooklyn; Herbie Hayes, 160½, Elmsford, stopped Cas Segalski, 157, Newark, at the end of the second, and Tommy Coleman, 134¼, West Side, kayoed Rocky Coleman, 137, Philadelphia, in the fourth.

Demonstrating that what had been done once could be done again, Phil Morizio, 134½, up-and-coming Yorkvillian, edged out a decision over Tim Dalton, 136, Chicago, in their encore eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. The bout was a replica of the first meeting. The stocky Dalton forced the action most of the way, but couldn't match the rangier Morizio's speed and left hand. Another promising youngster, Vinnie D'Andrea, 147½, East Side, packed a bit too much of everything for Matt Corbin, 142½, Long Island City, and was a handy winner in a lively semi-final six. Patsy Croce, 120½, required only 2:48 to dispose of a Brooklyn rival, Gene Ganley, 118½, in a scheduled four. In other fours, Basil Marie, 139, Philadelphia, finished ahead of Harry Fields, 140, Brooklyn, and Nash Karahan, 189, billed as from Turkey, outfumbled Cecil Roland, 177, Harlem, in a weird affair that would have fitted better into a wrestling card than a fight program.

Addenda. . . . If a certain telecaster doesn't stop referring to slow, drab, mauling affairs as "Pier 6 brawls," he'll find himself in trouble with the longshoremen's union. . . . Just out of the hospital himself, Vic Marsillo, manager of Charley Fusari, George Costner and Archie Devino, suffered a double shock when his father and mother died within 48 hours of each other. . . . A short, short story with an O. Henry twist: A fighter, booked for Twin Falls, Idaho, was unable to keep the date because he was serving 45 days in a Spokane, Wash., jail for vagrancy. His failure to appear drew a six-months' suspension from the Idaho Athletic Commission. . . . Frank Casale, sports editor of the Newark Star-Ledger, insists that the best fight photographer in the business is Ray Jones, which is interesting news to this department, since Ray happens to be Jersey Jones, Jr. . . . The ubiquitious Barney Ross has spread his activities to include a restaurant—the Venetian, in Lexington Avenue between 55th and 56th Streets. . . . Bill Neri, lanky young Bridgeport lightweight, has been improving steadily since Jimmy August took over the training reins. The kid turned in a real workmanlike job when he whipped Armand Savoie, the Montreal kayo klouter, in a Garden prelim.

The International Scene. . . . One of the most colorful lightweights operating on the European continent, Ben Miloud, is expected to leave Paris shortly for a jaunt to New York and a campaign in American rings. . . . Add to Year's Oddities: Two light-heavies, Wally Diamond and Ernie Comley, landed simultaneous rights during the third round of a brawl in Stourbridge, England. Comley flattened on the canvas to be counted out. Diamond fell unconscious across the ropes and dangled there, but since, officially, he was still "up," the referee declared him the winner. . . . Vic Toweel's remarkable first-year record in pro competition has been nearly matched by another African bantam—Emile Chemama of Algeria. Virtually unknown when he landed in Marseilles a year before, the kid recently climaxed a spectacular campaign by flattening rugged Marcel Mathieu for the French 118-pound title. Chemama must be a terrific puncher for a little fellow. The three-round job on Mathieu was his tenth knockout in thirteen starts in French rings. Among his previous performances were kayos of Honore Pratesi and Arturo Paoletti, and a decisive win over Theo Medina.

Correction, please. . . . In announcing the selection of Wilbur Wood, former sports editor of the late New York Sun, for this year's Boxing Writers' Association award of the James J. Walker Trophy—for long and meritorious service to the sport—it was said that Wood had originated the annual ratings of boxers. A check through the files reveals that Wilbur's first round-up appeared in the Sun in 1927—two years after the idea sprung into being in The Ring, with Tex Rickard as the official selector. But being second to The Ring is practically being first anywhere else, so Wood can take what bows may be in order.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

By W. Garforth

DANNY O'SULLIVAN, British bantam king, has arrived here with the intention of relieving Vic Toweel of his world and Empire crowns. O'Sullivan's defeat by Zaland has not made any difference to the fans wanting to see Vic defend his title. Danny is undoubtedly the best boxer, apart from Ortiz, imported for Toweel and fans want to see Vic really tested.

Willie Pep will not see Toweel for a long time yet, as Vic, wisely, rules that the feather king knows too much for him.

Vic intends making the trip to the United States in the new year so you will see him in action even if not against Pep. I think you will like his style and the American fans will take to him readily.

Results: The T.N.S.C. held a benefit show for Tiny Dean, who was secretary and matchmaker to the club for the best years of his life. A feature of this show was the reappearance, in an exhibition, of Johnny Ralph, former S. A. heavyweight champion. Ralph was seriously injured in a motor crash on the eve of his honeymoon some 20 months ago and has not fought since.

Johnny shaped well in his three-round exhibition with Ernie Ehlers and has signified his intention of returning to regain his title early next year. His steel-plated leg stood up well and he is convinced that he will be as fit as ever soon.

Johnny Arthur lost little time in beating Rex Christie, a newcomer, in a bout scheduled for four rounds. The fight lasted 90 seconds, Christie being counted out after taking a heavy right to the jaw.

Jerry van Wyk, 161½, knocked out Young Rosella, 155½, with a left hook in round two.

Des Williams, 124½, Olympic springbok, having his first pro fight, K.O.'ed Ike Honeyball, 130, in round two.

Another two-round K.O. was registered by Paul Karan, 144½ when he stopped Cocky du Plessis, 138½, with a right to the jaw.

Benny Miller, 136, beat Ronnie Muller, 130½, on points.

Joe Munro beat Jack Krynauw in the fourth session when the referee stopped the fight on account of Krynauw's badly cut eye. Munroe, 158¾, Krynauw, 167¾.

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ON November 22, at the Pretoria City Hall, the vacant South African heavyweight championship was won by Piet Strydom when he outpointed George Hunter over 12 rounds. The decision was not well received and a storm of booing greeted the verdict.

Vic Toweel successfully defended his world and empire bantamweight titles against Danny O'Sullivan at Wembley Stadium, Johannesburg. Completely outclassed, the Londoner was on the canvas twenty times between rounds five and ten. After the hammering he took, he cannot be blamed for packing up after the tenth round The pity is that he was allowed to take so much.

Preliminaries: Fanie van Groan, 125, beat Ronnie Muller, 126½, points, four rounds.

Johnny McCoy, 142, beat Harry Walker, 140, after taking a count of eight in the first. Four rounds.

Hans Mulder, 159, lost a split decision to Ken LaGrange, 150, over four rounds.

Joe Munro, 156½, beat Jack Krynauw, 166½, on points over four rounds.

THE LOUIS FADEOUT

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sharp, his speed is gone, and he can no longer coordinate. Rarely did Louis throw a one-two punch. He has lost the combination. All of which makes one wonder what Louis is trying to prove!

The boxing experts who covered Louis in Pompton Lakes, N. J., where he trained for Charles, were fooled, but then Joe also fooled himself. It seemed obvious, watching his last workout on the Sunday before the fight, that he planned to come out punching in the Jack Dempsey manner. That was his plan, but he changed his mind in the dressing room just before he left for the ring.

Ray Robinson, the world welterweight champion, was among Louis' many advisers. A daily visitor at camp, Sugar Ray dropped around to see Joe, who was quartered in the Yankee dressing room. They went into a huddle in a corner.

"Joe, this is a 15-round fight," Robinson said. "You've got to pace yourself."

Louis nodded in agreement. He took this last-minute advice. Gone was his pre-battle plan to come out punching, and to keep punching until he had knocked out Charles, or had been knocked out himself. Instead, Joe chose to box Charles. It was right down Ezz's alley.

That the altered plans changed the result of the fight is doubtful. Louis couldn't knock Brion down, so what chance did he have of stopping Charles? Charles at 184½, outweighed by 33½ pounds, was the master of the situation at all times.

Louis missed hundreds of punches. Without wishing to detract from Charles' victory, Joe just didn't have it. The 29-year-old Charles was the boss all the way.

"THAT'S all. I'm not going to fight again. I'm through with exhibitions," Louis said. He planned to resume his executive post with the I.B.C., but that, like his battle plan, was altered.

Now old Joe wants one more chance, knowing that when he gets it, if he does, he'll be 37 years old. Bob Fitzsimmons was 35 when he won the crown from James J. Corbett, and 37 when he lost it to James J. Jeffries. Jess Willard was 32 when he beat Jack Johnson. Age is against Louis. That is what is the matter, and all that is the matter, with him.

Louis has just grown old in the 16 years he's been in the ring. And there is nothing he can do about it.

Riding to Chicago last month for Louis' fight with Brion, we recalled the first trip we made to the Mid-West to see the young heavyweight we'd been hearing so much about. The destination then was Detroit, and Mike Jacobs was on his way to sign him to fight Primo Carnera.

Hype Igoe, Nat Fleischer, Bill Farnsworth, Murray Lewin, Jack Miley and the other boxing writers of that distant day had to be shown. Louis showed 'em. He fought and beat Natie Brown. Oddly enough, he didn't knock out Natie, although he had him on the canvas a couple of times.

That was the beginning—on March 29, 1935. Louis made his New York debut in June, and Carnera was knocked out in six rounds. Back in Chicago, King Levinsky went a round.

They came up and they went down. Max Baer, Paulino Uzcudun, Charley Retzlaff—they all looked alike to the Brown Bomber. He was a thrilling fighter, and he made exciting fights.

This was even true when he met his first defeat. It was a stunning upset, because nobody gave Max Schmeling a chance. The German was one of the best right-hand punchers ever to crawl through the ropes. Schmeling's right settled things in the 12th round, but while he had been knocked out Louis was far from through.

A YEAR later—June 22, 1937—Louis won the world heavyweight championship from James J. Braddock in eight rounds at Chicago. And two years after Schmeling knocked him out, Joe kayoed the German in a round. Many people believe that the Louis who stopped Schmeling was the greatest of all heavyweight champions. Certainly Louis was at his peak that night.

It is idle to speculate what would have happened had the Louis of the Schmeling fight met the Dempsey of the Jess Willard fight head on. Certainly Joe and Jack rank head and shoulders above the other heavyweight champions.

Louis was fortunate in coming to the top. There were no less than four ex-heavyweight champions for him to fight. Carnera, Max Baer, Schmeling and Jack Sharkey were available and willing. Louis met them all. Including Braddock, Bomber Joe has kayoed five men who preceded him as heavyweight champion.

Now he'd like to knock out another champion. His goal is another fight with Charles, but that seems to be beyond his reach. That "they never come back" is something Louis proved last September when he lost all to Charles. It is not reasonable to assume he can come back a year later.

Like millions of Americans, Louis had to take time out for World War II. He was in the Army four years. How many times he would have defended the title had his career not been interrupted is a matter of speculation. His 25 title defenses are a matter of record.

Now it is over. Louis' career as a champion came to a close in the year just past. What he does now no longer has any bearing on the heavyweight championship. Joe is just another fighter doing the best he can. He stubbornly refuses to accept the inevitable. He is determined to prove he can still fight. He can, but not like the way Joe Louis could fight. Those days are gone forever.

All that remains is a very ordinary heavyweight, and a memory. For all practical purposes, Louis' career ended when he was beaten by Charles last September 27. It was the big fight of 1950, and the last big one for the great Brown Bomber.

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NEW FACES

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He is an aggressive boxer who can punch with either hand. He has scored wins over Tommy Tipping, Pete Tropia, Johnny Marino, Ernie Koutnick, Basil Marie, former inter-collegiate champion Vince Murray, Manuel Dizon, and Herb Dudley.

At school he engaged in baseball and checkers and won the school's checker championship.

He is fast with both his hands as a result of being a soda jerk in his manager's store. "It's easy to use both hands well when you use them all day as I do," laughed Tony in a recent interview.

ACTION AT ALBUQUERQUE

By Johnny Seubert

BOXING here, both pro and amateur, has not only slowed down but has come to a complete standstill. There has not been a boxing show in Albuquerque since last August and this drought of pugilistic activity is being felt by local fight fans.

The local newspapers have published an item to the effect that Louis "Red" Valencia, long associated with the local fight game, is planning on putting on pro boxing shows in nearby Bernalillo. "Red" alleges he will endeavor to have former bantamweight champion Manuel Ortiz featured in his main bout, possibly against Corky Gonzales, Conrado Castagnon or Jesse Fonseca. This indeed would be a most welcome shot in the arm to fight fans in this vicinity as each of these boys with the exception of Ortiz, has fought in Albuquerque and provided the fans with plenty of fireworks and Valencia's plan of bringing in such top calibre fighters thus becomes worthy in the extreme.

The 20-30 Club which sponsors the weekly wrestling matches at the Armory practically hangs out the SRO sign at every show. Such featured performers as Mildred Burke, women's champ; Gus, the wrestling bear; Mike London, Roger McKay and other sure-fire crowd-pleasers are featuring the weekly shows and providing wrestling fans with the thrills and spills which the grunt-and-groan addicts feast upon and already the current wrestling season has all the aspects of being another highly successful one.

SECOND WIND . . . As THE RING is anxious to publish the names of all fighters, either pro or amateur, who are now entering the armed forces, any boxers from this state who are wearing or will soon don the uniform are requested to contact the writer in order that their names may be transmitted to Nat Fleischer, Editor, for publication. For those followers of the fight game who are meticulous as to their knowledge of ring lore and desirous of furthering the basis for the facts, it is strongly recommended they reserve their copy of The Ring Record Book of 1951.

For information on boxing in this section contact me at 712 North Wellesley.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

ANOTHER year rolls around and again comes the time to make up the annual rating of the California boxers. Yeah, again the time to be regarded by fellow-boxing managers as either partial, prejudiced or incompetent. And little wonder that we raters are held in so low esteem by the managers, when once it is known how they arrive at their "rating." For instane:

A manager wishes his boxer to be rated on one good performance, rather than on ten poor showings. If his fighter wins over a good boxer, the manager pretends to believe that his boy should be rated higher than this good boxer, in spite of the fact that his meal ticket may have been punched full of holes by several mediocre opponents during the year.

Regardless of how atrocious a decision might have been, the manager of the boxer who received the "gift" verdict, wishes his fighter to be rated as the better man. Also, in cases where a fighter is thoroughly outclassed, but is luckily declared winner because of an injury to his opponent, here again the manager of the outclassed fighter will often request that his charge be rated on the outcome of such a contest, rather than on the merits of the performance.

Another squawk comes from managers of "State Champions." Because their boxers have been proclaimed champion of the state, their managers expect them to be rated No. 1 of their division, in spite of the fact that there may be several other boxers of the weight who could defeat these "champs," but are not given the opportunity to do so.

Not a very broad-minded or sporting point of view, is it? Yet, they can be forgiven for most of it, for, boxing is a business, as well as a sport, and endeavoring to obtain this edge for their boxers is regarded as part of being a good manager. However, my obligation is only to you, the reader, and I assure you that these ratings have been based on merit. So, let the chips fall where they may.

Only those boxers who have been residents of California for at least six months, are in these ratings. And the California boxers who have not fought within the state at any time during 1950, are not rated. Also, there will be brief footnotes with the selections in each division whenever it is thought that some explanation is due.

HEAVYWEIGHT

1—Willie Bean, 2—Clarence Henry, 3—Frank Buford, 4—Grant Butcher, 5—Andy Walker, 6—Al Hoosman, 7—Dale Hall, 8—Turkey Thompson, 9—Tony Bosnich, 10—Al Spaulding.

Other heavies given consideration when the first ten were picked, were Harry Wills, Georges Parmentier and Rusty Payne.

LIGHT-HEAVY

1—Bob Murphy, 2—Oakland Billy Smith, 3—Dave Whitlock, 4—Lloyd Marshall, 5—Bob Dunlap, 6—Frankie Daniels, 7—Dan Nardico, 8—John McFall, 9—Rodney Jones, 10—Ramon Dioses.

MIDDLEWEIGHT

1—J. T. Ross, 2—Johnny Duke, 3—Art Soto, 4—Milo Savage, 5—Bob Ward, 6—Earl Turner, 7—Dick Finley, 8—Esau Ferdinand, 9—Jay Caldwell, 10—Chick Musgrove.

Irvin Steen, a welterweight, is recognized by the California Commission as state middleweight champion. But in spite of it, I am omitting his name from this division because the victory that brought him such recognition was scored over another welterweight, Benny Walker, and too, Steen recently pulled out of a scheduled title bout with J. T. Ross, the foremost contender. Our present crop of middleweights are not a very formidable lot and Steen, a good fighter, may be able to defeat any of them, but he only weighs 144, and as yet, he has not defeated our best 160-pounder.

There were several others who rated consideration for listing in this division, among them, Nap Howard, Bob Patterson, Sal Perea, Tommy Lee James, Charley Cato, Grover Jackson, Pedro Jiminez, Oscar Penn, J. J. Cracknell and Bert Mendoza.

WELTERWEIGHT

1—John L. Davis, 2—Irvin Steen, 3—Bernard Docusen, 4—Johnny Gonsalves, 5—Maurice Harper, 6—Jesse Flores, 7—Benny Walker, 8—Elmer Beltz, 9—Bobby Burgess, 10—Junius Washington

John L. Davis is only a lightweight, but he has defeated the two best welterweights, Steen and Docusen, and his recognition as 147-pound state champion is a meritorious one. There are two or three boxers listed above who could probably make 135 pounds and be listed higher in the lightweight division, but they are aware that the weight would weaken them and prefer to fight at 138-140, therefore, must be rated in the higher division.

Other names juggled around when the above list was compiled include Woody Winslow, Rafael Gutierrez, Georgie Fields and Mongo Luciano.

LIGHTWEIGHT

1—John L. Davis, 2—Art Aragon, 3—Tommy Campbell, 4—Enrique Bolanos, 5—Rudy Cruz, 6—Freddie Herman, 7—Eddie Chavez, 8—Joe Lopez, 9—Archie Whitewater, 10—Mario Trigo.

This is the division where the rater has to split hairs and step on toes in order to name the best ten, they are that close in ability. (And please pronounce it rate-er, not rat-er.) A second group of 135-pounders who crowd some of the above for rating, are Emil Barao, Manuel Madrid, Baby Neff Ortiz, Eddie Johnson, Carlos Chavez, Lou Williams, Tote Martinez and Houston Brown.

FEATHERWEIGHT

1—Henry Davis, 2—Jackie McCoy, 3—Lauro Salas, 4—Baby Leroy, 5—Dave Gallardo, 6—Rudy Garcia, 7—Johnn Efhan, 8—Chico Rosa, 9—Tony Espinosa, 10—Ernie Lauterio.

Here too, is a division in which many of the boxers are crowded for top honors. The dozen of others who were considered for rating in this division, were Pete Martinez, Bobby Why, James Mitchell, Rudy Vasquez, Felix Coleman, Frankie Sequeria, Chuck Wilkerson, Fugie Rodriguez, Junius Allen, Javier Gutierrez, Jimmy Savala and Ernie Lauterio.

BANTAMWEIGHT

1—Reuben Smith, 2—Cecil Schoonmaker, 3—Bobby Garza, 4—Gilbert Cadilli, 5—Russ McCarthy, 6—Tommy Yamaoka.

To list ten bantamweights would be to include some of the poorest preliminary boxers, in fact, only two of the above are main event fighters. Schoonmaker is still the recognized state champion, although he has been defeated by Smith, as Smith was over the weight in that contest. Mike Bernal would be the Number Three man, had he been active.

FLYWEIGHT

1—Alfredo Chavez, 2—Johnny Ortega, 3—Tommy Rhett. There are only three flyweights in the state who are better than average performers. Reuben Smith is recognized as state champion, but he has been weighing over 120 pounds in recent months and it is doubtful that he would even try to make 112 for a defense of his title.

The reader has probably noted that the name of Manuel Ortiz was not mentioned in the above ratings. This is only because the writer cannot conscientiously rate him at this time. I have no desire of placing the name of one of the greatest bantams of all time below the name of some mediocre fighter. And in what division should I rate him? Ortiz weighed 131 in his most recent fight a few weeks ago, although the contract called for 126. Therefore, I do not believe that he will ever again get down to 118 and make a creditable showing.

Ortiz has, in Ray Luna, one of the best trainers in the business and it was under Luna's direction that Ortiz took off fifteen pounds for the title fight with Toweel last year. And it is stated that Ortiz is to fight Toweel again this year. I would be tickled pink to see Manuel regain the bantam crown, but, I repeat, I believe that he has made 118 pounds for the las time.

Punching harder than ever before and attacking with the fury of a woman scorned, Art Aragon knocked out Carlos Chavez in the first round of their rematch at the Los Angeles Olympic. Aragon entered the ring in a vengeful mood, for, his foe was not only the one who had tarnished the Golden Boy's reputation in a previous clash, but also the one who had insisted that Aragon fork over $200, because he was a half pound overweight.

After a few moments of sparring, Aragon whipped over two solid punches, a left and right, that rocked Chavez back on his heels. Two more hard blows to the jaw knocked Carlos back into a corner. Aragon sprang in for the kill, drove in murderous rights and lefts to Chavez's unprotected head and the stocky Mexican sank to the floor in a sitting position. Grotesquely, his left glove still clutched the ring rope above him, which he had grabbed in trying to keep from going down.

He remained in this position, unable to move a muscle, while being counted out for the first time in his career. Aragon weighed 138, Chavez 135. A crowd of 7200 paid $12,864 to witness the bout. (Their first clash, five months previous, drew over $32,000.)

In supporting bouts, Frankie Daniels, 175, Bakersfield, made John Curtis, 187, Texas, say "uncle" in the fifth round. Daniels had laced Curtis in every round, and when John, weary and discouraged, turned away from his foe, the referee declared it over.

In the prelims, Ray Perez, 146, whipped Paul Kennedy 149, Portland, in six. Bobby Lee, 141, boxed beautifully in outclassing Bobby Brewer, 139, in a four: Aaron Junior, 140, decisioned Jose Arguelles, 138, in four.

In a bitterly contested ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena, Lou Williams, 135, Kansas City Negro, decisioned Baby Neff Ortiz, 134, Mexico City. Ortiz was the aggressor most of the way and he inflicted considerable punishment with a body attack, but Williams kept the score close for eight rounds and made a spurt in the final two heats to get the nod.

In the other bouts, all four-rounders, Sal Flores, 162, defeated Charley Green, 156; Frankie Crane, 163, Seattle, outpointed Earl Keel, 167, Oklahoma; Bobby Lee, 144, shaded Baby Valdez, 138; Johnny Hayes, 146, beat Aaron Junior, 142; Jose Arguelles, 139, bested Al Simmons, 145.

Showing no fear of his highly rated opponent, Manuel Madrid, up-and-coming youngster, received the cheers of the crowd and the praise of the press for the game and aggressive fight he waged against Enrique Bolanos at the Hollywood Stadium. Madrid's determined attack kept him in the lead some of the time, but Bolanos' greater experience and punching power brought Enrique a K.O. victory.

Bolanos caught Madrid coming in with a short right in the final seconds of the opening round and dropped him for a three-count, the bell ending the round. Enrique outjabbed the youngster in the second, but Manuel fought the Mexican idol to a standstill in the next three heats. The contest ended in the sixth. Bolanos waged an attack that checked Madrid's offensive. Enrique nailed Manuel with a right that spun him into the ropes, where he took a four-count.

When Referee Joe Stone waved for the fight to continue, Bolanos laid it on hot and heavy, and Madrid was in a bad way at the bell. Still dazed and suffering a badly cut lip, Madrid's handlers adjudged him unfit to continue and Bolanos was declared winner by a T.K.O. in the sixth. Each weighed 137.

In the six-round semi, Joe Gurrola, 139, and Frank Muche, 138, waged a Pier Six brawl that kept the crowd in a continuous uproar. Gurrola emerged the winner.

In the prelims: Tony Smaldino, 128, bested Chuck Wilkerson, 128, in six; Pinky Martinez, 133, stopped Jose Arguelles, 136, in the third; Tony Renteria, 162, outfumbled Jackie Condon, 160, in four.

There was little science displayed by either Vern Mitchell, 190, Detroit Irishman, or Andy Walker, 195, San Francisco Negro, in their ten-rounder at 'Frisco's Winterland, but the fans were treated to some hefty hitting and real effort by the big fellows. Mitchell messed Walker up with jolting hooks and Andy finished with the left side of his face badly swollen. The Detroiter won handily, being credited with six of the rounds, two being tabbed even.

In supporting bouts, Alex Amador, 151, slugged out a close decision over Luis Ortiz, 155, in the six-round semi; Mike Martinez, 130, won over Felix Coleman, 129, in a six; Jommy Espiritu, 120, defeated Sammy Garcia, 117, in six; Clinton Waters, 150, nodded Joe Simms, 147, in four.

This allowing boxers to compete for State titles in more than one division is not to the best interest of boxing in such states, especially when talent is so scarce. Here in California, the heavyweight, lightweight and featherweight divisions have been benefitted by sanctioned State championship bouts, but there is practically no interest whatever in either the middleweight and welterweight divisions, where the titles are being held by boxers of another weight class.

Some of our best boxers are of the welterweight division, but those of lighter weight (138-142) are doing everything—short of cutting off an arm—to fight in the lightweight division, because the "champ," along with the public's interest, is in that division. And too, our middleweights compare favorably with those of other states, yet, there is little interest in them out here, and they, in turn, are little interested in their own division, it being headed by a 144-pounder.

We hope that Don Rogers of Portland enjoyed the train ride to Los Angeles for his go with Freddie Herman at the Olympic, for, that could have been the only pleasant part of the trip. Rogers, a game, aggressive fighter was outclassed and badly beaten by Herman, and the Portland boy received little money for his efforts, the smallest crowd of the year turning out, partly due to inclement weather.

Rogers, a colorful scrapper, kept tearing in, and although Herman, a stiff puncher, nailed Don with hard rights to the jaw, the Irish lad remained on his feet. Rogers had little to offer after the sixth round and was being punched limp in the eighth, when he injured his arm, causing the bout to be halted and awarded to Herman by a knockout. Each weighed 138.

In the six-round semi, J. J. Cracknell, 153, and Lou Joseph, 151, flashy Seattle southpaw, fought to a draw.

In remaining bouts, Frankie Crane, 162, Seattle, decisioned Sal Flores, 163, in six; Bobby Lee, 143, outpointed Joe Gurrola, 138, in a four; Tello Cruz, 134, whipped Aaron Junior, 140, in four.

Oakland boxing fans are still talking over the decision given John L. Davis in the bout with Freddie Dawson. And sport scribes of the Bay District have labeled it one of the worst decisions handed out in that area in the past ten years. They are saying that only the verdicts given Chester Slider over Henry Armstrong in '43, and to Buddy Knox over Tony Bosnich in '45, rank with this one for injustice.

Dawson really gave Davis a pasting. One scribe relates that Dawson outhit the Oaklander as much as 20-to-1 in a few of the rounds and outscored him 10-to-1 in several of the heats. Two Commission officials present, agreed that the decision was bad, but said they could do nothing about it. Well, Commissions have reversed decisions in many cases and for the good of boxing they should always take such steps, when a decision is as much out of line as this one was. This bout was a 12-rounder and the winner,—Davis. (Boo-o-o-o!)

Other results: Maurice Harper, 150, decisioned Milo Savage, 158, in the 8-round semi; Johnny Ortega, 111, bested Tommy Rhett, 113, in six; Louie Packer, 189, nodded Willie Colbert, 181, in six.

Chalking up his fifth consecutive victory, Dave Gallardo, 126, won handily over Georgie Mendoza, 130, in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Gallardo jabbed and left-hooked Mendoza repeatedly to pile up a wide margin in the early rounds and held Georgie off in the late heats, to receive the unanimous decision.

In supporting bouts, all four-rounders: Earl Keel, 164, Oklahoma, whipped Ray Louis, 158; Rudy Martinez, 151, Texas, beat Russ Gillam, 151; Aaron Junior, 141, defeated Al Simmons, 146; Tello Cruz, 134, nodded Jose Arguelles, 133.

Making his first start since losing his title last summer, Manuel Ortiz was awarded the decision over Jackie McCoy in an exciting 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. All three officials tabbed Ortiz as the winner, but the majority of the crowd and several of the sports writers considered McCoy as having the best of it. McCoy piled up a nice lead in the early rounds with a fast left, some good footwork and clever blocking.

Ortiz managed to park a few blows on his elusive foe in the third, but it was not until the 5th that the former champion was able to inflict any punishment on the wily Irishman. Manuel shook McCoy up with a few hard rights and the war was on. Jackie swapped punches with Ortiz for a full minute, with the Mexican veteran having a bit the best of it.

Ortiz's big round was the 8th, when he waged a savage attack that McCoy could neither check or avoid, and Jackie received a bad pasting. After an even 9th round, the little battlers slugged it out all through the final heat, with Ortiz having a shade the better of it—which, in the eyes of two sport writers and this observer—gave Ortiz 3 rounds, with 5 for McCoy and 2 even. Ortiz weight 131, McCoy 127. The gate was just under $5,000.

In the 6-round semi, a mediocre Juan Zavala, 137, punched out a decision over Georgie Mendoza, 132, for a real upset. The formerly classy Mendoza showed little in this one.

In three 4-rounders, Gilbert Cadilli, 118, outpointed Eddie Hernandez, 124; Rudy Martinez, 148, KO'ed Jimmy DeLeon, 147, in two; Jose Arguelles, 136, whipped Panchito Martinez, 137.

Promoters Syd Anderson and Monty O'Dell of Eureka can only hope that their patrons recall the many good shows that have been staged in Eureka during the past year and forget the last one, which produced only thirty minutes of action (probably a record for a five-bout program), and not very exciting action either.

The main go between Georges Parmentier, Eureka's big boy, and Johnny O'Neil of Oakland lasted one round. There was little to it, Parmentier rammed in a couple to the body, then chopped over a short right to the head which dropped the Irishman just as the bell rang. O'Neil's handlers said he couldn't continue—and business immediately picked up at the nearby restaurants and saloons.

In remaining quickies, the bout between Ernie Greer and Woody Winslow was halted at the end of the second round due to an eye injury; Ray Gensaw disposed of Curt Hillman in just 55 seconds; Jimmy Johnson decisioned Gene Campbell in four; George Prine and Bob Carlson boxed a 3-round exhibition.

Several of the Los Angeles managers have gotten together and formed an organization to better publicize their boxers and secure out-of-state booking. It is a non-profit organization, and being based on a "One for all, all for one" policy, the move rates a cheer, for such harmony and co-operation has not been practised much by the handlers of boxers in this city.

And this newly formed group has made a good start by electing Eddie Stanton as Secretary, the man who is to contact the outside promoters. Stanton, who has been in the boxing game for over forty years, is well liked by most everyone. The name of the organization is National Co-operative Boxing Bureau, and Stanton can be reached at Willie Orner's Gym in Los Angeles.

Two young Mexican gamecocks—one on his way up, the other on his way down—engaged in one of the most torrid battles seen at the Los Angeles Olympic this year. Unfortunately, one of the smallest crowds of the year was on hand to witness it. The principals of this socking setto were ChuChu Jiminez, 132, the one on the upgrade, and Alfredo Escobar, 135, who is not nearly the fighter he once was.

In the early rounds it seemed that Jiminez was certain to win by a knockout, but each time Escobar appeared to wilt he would come back punching. Round after round they would stand toe-to-toe swapping blows, with first one then the other acting like a drunk. Both were dead tired at the end of each heat, yet they would answer the next bell with fists flying. Escobar was the more dazed and rubber-legged in the last minutes of this slugfest, but he was still swinging when the final bell rang.

In the six-round semi, Tony Espinoza, 128, added Chuck Wilkerson, 128, to his growing list of victories.

In the four-rounders, Javier Gutierrez, 125, scored a good win in beating Leroy Richards, 126; Joe Gurrola, 138, won by TWO over Bobby Lee, 144, in the fourth; Benny Jordan, 142, nodded Jimmy DeLeon, 145; Tony Renteria, 161, decisioned Rudy Romero, 162.

One of the biggest upsets of recent months was Chico Rosa's win over Tote Martinez at Stockton. Rosa, who easily makes 126, was thought too light to defeat Martinez in this 10-rounder at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Rosa beat Tote at his own game, infighting. The contest was decided in the last round, it having been tabbed a toss-up at the end of ninth. Rosa copped this final heat and with it the decision. Rosa, of Honolulu, weighed 130; Martinez, the local boy, 136.

In three supporting bouts, Grover Jackson, 165, Oakland, decisioned Bob Patterson, 158, San Francisco, in six-round semi; Andy Leos, 112, Stockton, beat Sammy Garcia, 117, San Francisco, in a six; Joe Madrid, 130, Stockton, outpointed Art Solis, 131, Oakland, in four.

There was about as much fighting in the 10-round clinch between Clarence Henry, 189, Los Angeles, and Charley (Doc) Williams, 176, New Jersey, at the Hollywood Stadium, as there is in a love scene between Clark Gable and some movie queen. Williams was about as open to attack as a turtle (one with its head pulled in, that is), and Henry, too, played "now you try to find me" much of the time.

Henry can be thanked for what little action there was, but his attack was only a token one. It was one of his off nights, and Clarence has more of them than the upstairs maid. Henry was the aggressor, but he was too slow and listless to tag his cagey foe, so he moved in close and pushed instead of punched. Williams opened up for a few seconds occasionally and flashed ability, but after whipping in a few light punches, he would go back into his shell. There was one good round, the 6th, in which both landed some hard blows. Henry was awarded the decision. (Ho, Hum!) I didn't think he won it, but who's excited!

There was more fighting in every minute of the semi-final than there was in the whole thirty minutes of the main event. It ended in the fourth heat when Javier (Baby Face) Gutierrez, 126, put Wayne Cooke, 124, down for the full count with a sizzling right to the chin. Gutierrez proved to be more durable in a setto in which both were repeatedly rocked and staggered.

In other bouts, Luis Adame, 123, Mexico City, stretched LaVert Smith, 126, out like a rug with a right to the chin in the first round; Tello Cruz, 135, won by TKO over Baby Valdez 134 in the fourth due to an eye cut; Jackie Condon 162 outmauled Tony Renteria 161 in a four.

Proving too experienced for his big opponent, Frank Buford, Oakland Negro, turned back Georges Parmentier's bid for the Californian heavyweight title, in a 12-rounder at San Francisco's Winterland. In the early rounds, Buford boxed low down and in a shell, which made him a difficult target for the big timber man of Eureka and Parmentier became arm weary from missing punches.

Then, when the huge heavy hitter seemed to be too tired to be dangerous, Buford boxed in an upright position to outscore the big Frenchman. Parmentier never stopped trying and his efforts almost paid off in the final round. Although on the verge of exhaustion in the late sessions, Parmentier came on strong in the 12th to spill Buford for a 1-count with a short right to the jaw, and later shook the fleshy Oaklander to his heels with a left hook. Buford weighed 212, Parmentier 229.

In the semi, Luis Ortiz, 156, San Jose, was awarded a 7th round TKO over Alex Amador, 149, due to an eye cut. It had been a hard, exciting go, with Amador a shade ahead.

In two four-rounders, Joe Gonzales, 153, defeated Clinton Waters, 152; Bob Saunders, 136, and Frank Skidmore, 142, fought a draw.

This handsome young Mexican, ChuChu Jiminez, is tough on a guy's nerves. In his brawl with Escobar, he had us spectators on the verge of nervous prostration, and now, in an interlude with one Juan Zavala, he awakens us from a sound sleep by dumping the Juan. And, gosh, that Zavala wasn't harming anyone, in fact, it was his docility that caused us to doze off. Zavala never struck a blow in that first round, and Jiminez was no ball o' fire either, and—what a quiet place to get some shut-eye!

We were aroused by a commotion. We open our eyes to see Zavala on the canvas. We are informed that Juan made a few passes at Jiminez and ChuChu hit him. Zavala was erect at count of 3, but was soon down again and the affair was declared over in 2:05 of the second round. So, out of the Los Angeles Olympic into the night we go, but where to? There couldn't be another place as quiet and peaceful as it was during the Jiminez-Zavala go, that is, until ChuChu spoiled the quietude.

The six-round semi between Javier Gutierrez, 126, and Bobby Garza, 121, ended in a draw. It was a sizzling setto between two colorful little scrappers.

In four-rounders: Rudy Martinez, 151, beat Charley Green, 154; Chuck Moody, 144, nodded Jimmy Hayes, 148; Tello Cruz, 135, decisioned Jose Arguelles, 135; Jackie Condon, 160, and Tony Renteria, 161, drew.

The terrific punching displayed by Art Aragon in knocking out Carlos Chavez started the old-timers to talking. How much of a puncher is he? Is he the hardest hitting lightweight in the world today? Does his wallop equal the punching powers of former knockout artists? Well, being an "old timer" myself, I wish to get in my two cents' worth:

Yours Truly is one of those who does believe that Aragon is the hardest puncher in the lightweight division, although I probably should qualify that by stating that I believe he is the hardest puncher of his weight in the world today, since his most impressive knockouts have been scored when he weighed in at 138, his best fighting weight.

And I would compare his punching ability with that of the great Joe Gans and Benny Leonard (this comparison is only in punching, of course), but I doubt that Aragon can hit as hard as either Aurelio Herrera or Charley White. And I am also inclined to believe that there was a little 122-pounder who could belt as hard as our local lightweight. He was George (KO) Chaney, probably the hardest hitting featherweight of all time.

Thanks for the indulgence.

Although slow of movement and off on his timing, due to inactivity, Lauro Salas still was able to check the upward march of Dave Gallardo in a 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. That is, he was able to, according to the judges. Gallardo was not at his best either, being tense and too set, probably due to nerves, this being his first big time main event.

Gallardo landed the sharper and harder blows, but boxed too much on the defensive, a science that seems to be completely ignored by the local judges. Realizing that he was behind, Salas put on a two-fisted attack in the final round that really won him the fight, for in crediting him with this 10th round, Referee Reg Gilmore tabbed him by 1 point, and one of the judges voted in favor of Salas. This observer had Gallardo ahead by 1 point. Salas weighed 128, Gallardo 126.

In the semi, Frankie Daniels, 171, Bakersfield, punched Bert Mendoza, 168, all over the ring to have the one-sided affair halted in the fifth.

In three prelims, Rocky Slater, 157, whipped Ray Louis, 159, in a six-rounder; Eddie Hernandez, 126, won by TKO over Johnny Malloy, 127, in the 4th via cut eye route; Pinky Martinez, 134, decisioned Jose Arguelles, 135.

There is a slump in boxing out here, just as there is in most all parts of the country at this time, therefore many of the clubs will be closed this year. However, in spite of fewer clubs, because of war preparations there will still be a scarcity of talent, so to those boxers or managers who have communicated with this writer regarding a campaign in California, I request that they write me again at this time. I now have more time to devote to booking boxers here on the Coast, as well as in several other far-western cities where I have such contacts. But, to those to whom I have already notified that I could not represent, I regret to repeat it, but the reply would still be the same. And for a prompt reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Thank you. Address to Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA. NEWS

By Jack Sheppard

AT Huntington on November 20th, Dave Clark, Cincinnati, decisioned Lonnie Rutherford, in ten rounds. Charlie Lee of Cincinnati, knocked out Mose Brown of Huntington in five rounds. Willie Green of Cincinnati outpointed Guy Miller of Huntington in six rounds. Clarence Spider Wooten of Cincinnati outpointed Ace Hestickene in six rounds.

Murphy Fighter of the Month

By NAT FLEISCHER and STANLEY WESTON

BELTING BOB MURPHY, the transplanted San Diego, Calif., light-heavyweight, is the "Fighter of the Month." Bob made his debut in Madison Square Garden a spectacular one when he stopped the gallant Jimmy Beau of New Canaan, Conn.

The battle was one of the most savage ever seen in the House that Tex Built. Murphy was forced to come in at 170 pounds, which is six pounds below his best fighting weight. The two men battered each other from pillar to post from the outset, with the ex-gob's dynamite beginning to show its effect in the fourth round. Bob accomplished something that Nick Barone failed to do when he fought Beau—knock him out.

On the basis of what he displayed to the Garden fans, Murphy proved that he has earned a chance at the title now held by Joey Maxim.

The results of the month follow:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Heavyweight champion of the world Ezzard Charles defended his title by knocking out game Nick Barone in 11 rounds.

Joe Louis won an easy ten-rounder from Cesar Brion.

Rex Layne scored the upset of the year by pasting Joe Walcott in 10.

Joey Maxim, light-heavyweight champion of the world, licked Big Boy Brown, 10.

Bob Baker won a close ten-rounder from Abel Cestac. Clarence Henry outpointed Doc Williams in 10

Vern Mitchell laced Mike Buha, 10. Harry Wills outpointed Freddie Beshore, 10.

Omelio Agramonte lost a close duke to Elkins Brothers, 8. Frank Buford licked Frankie Parmentier, 12.

Tommy Farr was beaten by Lloyd Marshall, 10. Dutch Culbertson drew with Sandy McPherson, 6. Earl Sudduth knocked out Bill Browning, 4.

Walter Hafer flattened Bud Hershey, 2. Ronnie Wulf decisioned Tommy Arthur, 6.

Duilio Spagnola outlasted Charley Norkus, 8.

A bout between Gene Jones and Wilson Kohlbrecker was called off when both fell out of the ring in the second round and were unable to return before the count of ten.

Jimmy Tendo defeated Clyde Williams, 6. Heinz Titze outfumbled Al Hoosman, 10. Levi Bryant beat Odell Riley, 6.

Embrell Davidson outpointed Jimmy Carollo, 10. Dan Nardico pasted Bill Wilson, 10.

Bobby Mitchell flattened Bobby Castro, 5. Jim Bailey kayoed Sylvester Jones, 4, and Fred Ucci, 4 Jack Nelson tripped Ralph Schneider, 6.

Jack Herman outlasted Harvey Mack, 4. Art Henri flattened Carlton Moore, 1.

Werner Wiegand stopped Ernest Chalono, 10, and outpointed Bernard Pacini, 8.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Harry Matthews knocked out Windmill Pearce in two.

Bob Murphy knocked out Freddie McManus, 4, and Jimmy Beau, 7.

Oakland Billy Smith knocked out Rusty Payne, 4.

The Bert Lytell vs. Billy Smith bout was declared no-contest in 10.

European champion Albert Yvel stopped Jackie Marr, 8. Dan Bucceroni iced James J. Parker, 2.

Jimmy Flood chilled Jimmy Hayden, 1. Dutch champion Willi Schagen outpointed Johnny McGowan, 10.

Reuben Jones whipped Billy Brown, 10. Doc Williams lost to heavyweight Clarence Henry, 10.

Fred Protas chilled Mac Cox, 1. Johnny Barton outpointed Gene Fowler, 8. Herbie Moore whipped Lonnie Rutherford, 6.

Larry Shaw and Billy Brown went to a 13-round draw. Lloyd Gibson tripped Charley Lee, 6. Angel Martinez beat Bernard Hoffman, 4. Wally Diamond squared a previous defeat by knocking out Doug Mansfield, 2.

Garnett Denny drew with Bill Wood, 6. Julie Leonard stopped Pete Couvaris, 2.

Reg Spring halted Billy Dean, 5. Jock Taylor stopped Alf Hines, 7.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World welterweight champion Ray Robinson knocked out Jean Stock, 2, and Luc Van Dam, 4. Van Dam had previously defended his Dutch title by beating Job Roos, 12.

Laurent Dauthuille took a ten-round duke from Otis Graham.

British champion Randolph Turpin flattened Jose Alamo, 2.

Ray Barnes knocked out Anton Raadik, 9.

Gene Hairston shaded Lester Felton, 10. Tony Janiro lost to Kid Gavilan, 10.

Rocky Graziano kayoed welterweight Honey Johnson, 4. Ralph Zannelli defeated Joe Rindone, 12.

Walter Cartier knocked out Jimmy Sherrer, 8. Harold Green whipped Ernie Durando, 10.

Paul Pender flattened Harold Sampson, 4. Lou Valles kayoed Roger Donoghue, 7.

Luc Van Dam defeated Wildcat Amato (George Henry), 10. Lee Sala knocked out Bill Stemmler, 4. Alvin Williams outpointed Louis Gray, 10.

Holly Mims beat Johnny Bratton, 10. Sammy Walker drew with Sal DiMartino, 10. Norman Hayes kayoed Jackie Wilson, 3, and beat Billy Corbett, 10.

Bob Stecher outpointed Mike Gillo, 10. Chico Pacheco dropped a ten-round duke to Billy Kilgore, 10. Ron Pudney kayoed Freddie Webb, 7, and outfought Bert Sanders, 10.

Jimmy Herring whipped Tommy Varsos, 6. Bob Cleaver decisioned Joe Beckett, 8.

Les Allen whipped Henry Hall, 10.

Alex Buxton scored his 13th knockout in his last 14 starts by stopping light-heavyweight Allan Cooke, 3.

Don Johnson scored his third, fourth and fifth straight kayoes as a professional by flattening Elmars Berzinskis, Jock Murphy and Ern Jarvis, all in the third round. Tommy Varsos whipped Freddie Menna, 6.

Tony Amato kayoed Mel Goldsmith, 3. French champion Kid Marcel whipped Gilbert Stock, 10. Eddie Vail drew with Dom Zimbardo, 4.

Joe Giardello drew with George Roberts, 6. Carmine Vitale drew with Tommy McGowan, 6, and beat Donald Bryant, 4.

Tony Cimmone won from Chester Slider, 8. Franz Ehringer became Luxembourg champion by outpointing Georges Schiltz, 12.

Johnny Luz outscored Ralph Campagnone, 6. Nick Mistovich defeated Jimmy Doxie, 6. Harold Drucker stopped Jimmy Garcia, 5.

Giovanni Manca repeated a previous win by outpointing Georges Grispos, 10. Cass Sukalski won from Ben Perez, 4.

Ken Rowlands stopped Ivor Mitchell, 6. Lucien Krawczyk whipped Germain Caboche, 10.

Jerome Richardson stopped Al Winn, 3. Baby Day drew with Ivano Fontana, 10. Christian Christensen won the vacant Danish title by beating Martin Hansen, 8.

Gene Wanes scored an upset victory over Livio Minelli, 10. Moses Ward drew with Bill Tinsdale, 4.

WELTERWEIGHTS

World champion Ray Robinson stopped middleweight Jean Stock, 2, and Luc Van Dam, 4. Kid Gavilan shaded Billy Graham, 10, and then trimmed Tony Janiro, 10.

World lightweight champion Ike Williams, boxing as a welterweight, reversed a previous loss to 146-pound Joe Miceli, 10.

British champion Eddie Thomas was held to a draw by Titi Clavel, 10. Johnny Bratton kayoed Johnny Cesario, 3, but lost to Holly Mims, 10.

Lester Felton won from Phil Burton, 10. The Irvin Steen-Joe Brown bout was declared no-contest in 10 rounds.

Charley Humezt stopped Jeff Tite, 3, and whipped Jean Walzack, 10. Vic Cardell beat Don Williams, 10.

Unbeaten Wally Thom posted his 18th straight pro win by whipping Jimmy Molloy, 12. Bobby Lloyd licked Chink Williams, 8. Joe Sgro nodded Eddie O'Neil, 8.

Chico Vejar won from Larry Gassa, 6. Terry Ratcliffe kayoed Eddie Cardew, 2.

Gil Turner flattened Joe Brewer, 1. Gene Parker won over Freddie Latson, 8. Ken Bailey stopped Johnny Kay, 7.

Marcel Brishois whipped Eddie Holtz, 6. Iggy Vaccari licked Joey Carkido, 10. Bobby Dykes kayoed Jose Rochoa, 3, and Aldo Minelli, 4.

Kid Pambele knocked out Jimmy Brown, 3.

Manny Leal knocked out Irving Wallach, 3. Johnny DeFazio won over Joe Atria, 8. Sammy Guiliani shaded Jack Randolph, 6. Larry Griffin whipped Dick Lundy, 8.

Charley Salas kayoed Bobby Foster, 3. Howard Friedman kayoed Roland Gomez, 3.

Walter Haines knocked out Carmine Fiore, 4. George Flores defeated Matt Corbin, 6.

Johnny Cerky iced Joe Moore, 3. Tommy Smith laced Bill Andy, 6.

Cesar Duarte bested Izzy Angelo, 4. Bill Downing won over Angel Chavez, 8. Bill Neri defeated Marouk Markarian, 8.

Israel Boyle stopped Maurice Mancini, 10. Sonny Volpe defeated Bobby Gainville, 4. Frankie Mucci halted Dom Cirelli, 4.

Norman Thompson was stopped by Dick Cannady, 5. Bill Rattray outpointed Terry Cullen, 8.

Pierre Langlois whipped Jack Braddock, 10, and Emile Delmine over the same distance. Piet van Staden drew with Danny McKay, 8.

Stan Reypens decisioned Herman Korber, 6, and Bruno Marostegan, 8. Ken Bailey stopped Johnny Kay, 7.

Pete Adams starched Joe Tomasello, 3. Joe Garza drew with Cassil Tate, 6.

Alfie Gronik iced Kelly Williams, 2.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

John L. Davis scored an upset victory over Freddie Dawson, 10, and then went on to nod Freddy Babe Herman, 10.

Rudy Cruz won an upset ten-rounder from Arthur King. Art Aragon kayoed Carlos Chavez, 1.

Jose Gatica stopped Terry Young, 4. Eddie Chavez trimmed Manuel Ortiz, 10.

Enrique Bolanos kayoed Manuel Madrid, 6.

Sonny Boy West whipped welterweight Eddie Giosa, 10, and Billy Justine, 10.

Chico Rosa beat Tote Martinez, 10. Harold Jones drew with Ronnie Harper, 10.

Joseph Preys, Belgian champion, was held to a draw by Gustave Perrot, 10. Alex Sinnaeve whipped Frank Hermal, 10.

Humberto Sierra and Billy Scholes drew in 10. Sierra then whipped Nazzarano Vitale, 10. Marshall Clayton outscored Luis Ramos, 10.

Iggy Vaccari whipped Hermie Freeman, 10. Freeman came back to stop George Edmonds, 8. Tony Allegro won from Johnny Marino, 6.

Alan McFater licked Tom McMenamey, 8. Johnny Hazel outpointed Vince Marshall, 8. Marshall came back to stop Dick Levers, 2. Peter Fallon decisioned Frank Parkes, 12.

Bill Neri easily defeated Manua Markarian, 8.

Bruno Lijoi was given the decision over Phil Morizio, 8, and was halted by Ernie Roberts, 5.

Allan Tanner stopped Scottish champion Harry Hughes, 6.

Nick Smith outpointed Kenny McPhee, 10. Billy Murphy flattened Joey Scarlota, 7.

Art Suffoletta iced Eduardo Carrasco, 4. Libby Manzo drew with Charley Slaughter, 6.

Tim Dalton beat Ralph Jacobs, 8. Julie Colon defeated Ralph Giordano, 4. Jimmy Corti stopped Bobo Drago, 5.

Jay Watkins beat Jesse Underwood, 6. Ivor (Kid) Germain flattened Des Garrod, 9, and whipped Laurie Buxton, 8.

Fred Monforte defeated Billy Murphy, 10. Neil Phillips decisioned Stan Parkes, 8. Charley Slaughter iced Joe Wamsley, 1.

Joergen Johansen won a disputed decision over Abdelkader ben Miloud, 8. Frank Flannery halted Alfie Clay, 8, and whipped Ernesto Aguilar, 12.

George Barnes outpointed Kev Brown, 12, and Len Arthur over the same distance. Fred Maybe drew with Sandy McPherson, 4.

Freeman King decisioned Tommy Dixon, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Del Flanagan scored a stunning upset when he outpointed the featherweight champion of the world, Sandy Saddler, 10.

Ray Famechon halted Archie Devino, 7.

Jackie Graves chilled Miguel Acevedo, 1. Glen Flanagan decisioned Luis Ramos, 10.

British champion Ronnie Clayton outpointed Jim McCann, 8 (non-title). Frankie Sodano pasted Bill Bossio to take the eight-round duke.

Rocky McKay scored easily over Harold Dade, 10. Roy Ankarah stopped Tony Lombard, 8.

Eddie Burgin starched Art Llanos, 2. Lauro Salas outpointed Dave Gallardo, 10, and Rudy Garcia, 12.

Corky Gonzales won over Harry LaSane, 10. Joey Cam laced Dom Saia, 8. Ray Fitton outpointed Bernard Pugh, 10.

Dai Davies flattened Jock Bonas, 10. Bert Jackson kayoed Teddy Peckham, 1.

Tommy Blears stopped Jimmy Healy, 4. Pat Marcune trimmed Jimmy Rooney, 8.

Libby Manzo knocked out Mickey Zezza, 1. Little Dynamite defeated Jimmy Cooper, 10. Ernie Smith halted Charley DeBow, 4.

Jackie Turpin stopped Jimmy Dwyer, 7. Stan Salter kayoed Chris Kelly, 6.

Teddy Peckham stopped Johnny Molloy, 5. Willie Orsini beat Angel Garcia, 4. Tommy Bailey was too clever for Lou Alter, 8. Tony Carotta decisioned Mario Sulsenti, 4.

Patsy Croce halted Gene Ganley, 1. Frankie Grillo defeated Willie Orsini, 4. Pietro Scardino won on a disqualification over Danilo Pasotti, 5.

Jackie Turpin flattened Eddie Dumazel, 2.

Ray Coleman outpointed Keith Francis, 12. Jimmy Carruthers stopped Fred Kay, 12, and Ron Wilson, 5.

Tito Valles beat Tony Longo, 8. Libby Manzo defeated Alex Fimbras, 6.

Max Osario won over Tony Amabile, 4.

Jean Machterlinck decisioned Asgar Warburg, 8.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World champion Vic Toweel stopped Eddie (Bunty) Doran, 9 (non-title), and bounced Danny O'Sullivan to a ten-round knockout in defense of his title.

European champion Luis Romero was outpointed by featherweight Georges Mousse, 10, but came back to stop Al Young, 4. Maurice Sandeyron decisioned Theo Medina, 10.

Peter Keenan flattened Tommy Proffitt, 2.

Australian champion Elley Bennett was outpointed by featherweight Ernesto Aguilar, 12. Ron

FATHER TIME OF BOXING

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was fighting and my watch stopped. Bob Edgren was sitting next to me and noting my predicament he inquired, 'What's the matter, George? You in trouble?'

"'Yes, my watch stopped,' I replied. He just shoved his watch over to me, and after that, I've always had two watches.

"You know," he continued, "a lot of people keep time at clubs and at home, especially since television. They know that a round consists of three minutes and they find out that everybody gets those three minutes when I'm timing. I wouldn't cut a second out no matter who the fighters might be. Only once did I do that, as kind of a joke.

"There were a couple of us fellows had a place called the Alexander A. C. in the Bronx. Peter Maher was fighting there one night when he was on the way out. I don't know how the house was, but he was on percentage and he got $180.

"I cut one round a bit, on account of old Pete. I remember that before the fight he said to me: 'My legs are not as good as they were, Bannon. Be good with the bell.'

"Maher was fighting Pat O'Brien. O'Brien dropped him, and I cut the time a little. The next round he hit O'Brien and knocked him out and Peter was shaking like a leaf. In all the years I've been timing, that was the only time I cut a round.

"There's a funny thing about that fight. Years later—not so long ago—I came into the Garden one night and one of the Garden cops said to me: 'There's a city cop over there who knows you.' There was this big, broad fellow, and I went over to him and started to talk to him.

"'You know, my name is Pat O'Brien and you timed my fight with Peter Maher,' he said.

"I gave you a raw deal that night, Pat,' I said. 'I cut the round short to cover Peter.' Pat laughed as he replied, 'Yes, I know.'"

GEORGE BANNON has been in clubs where they threw chairs at the ring. He has had some close ones at the Garden and at the St. Nick.

"When Pedro Montanez was fighting Tony Canzoneri," he said, "somebody threw a bottle, a pint bottle from the gallery. It went right by me and landed on the ring apron. Al Reach—he was the knockdown timekeeper—just put out his hand and picked the bottle up. That's how close it was.

"One night at the St. Nick somebody threw a knife. It was one of those open knives and it stuck in the floor right behind my chair."

Somebody asked George Bannon once to name the best fighter, pound for pound he had ever seen.

"Packy McFarland," he said. "I think he was the best. He could do everything, and if you wanted to get dirty he could do that, too. He could cut you up. He was never the champion, I know, because he never could make the weight."

"How about all the heavyweight champions you've seen?" the other asked him. "Who was the best?"

"Louis, I think," George Bannon said. "I think Louis."

"Then you think he would have beaten Dempsey, with both of them at their best?"

"The young Louis," George Bannon said, "yes. Dempsey was fast, but I think Louis was faster."

"And how do you think Ray Robinson would have done," the other said, "with the great boxers of the past?"

"I think he'd have done very good," George Bannon said. "He's a master boxer. He's in a class with McFarland and Driscoll."

"Do you ever get excited at fights?" George Bannon looked at the other.

"No more," he said.

EZZ'S PRESTIGE GROWS

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Barone, he'll be champion for some years. Youth and boxing skill are his main assets, though he has acquired considerable hitting power in recent months.

That television definitely affects the gate in boxing was evident by the fine turnout. Had there been television, it is doubtful if more than $30,000 would have been grossed. Considering that Ohio River flood reports that were broadcast by the hour and a postponement of a week due to heavy snowstorms, the turnout of 10,085 was convincing evidence that the fans will return to see the boys in the flesh fighting it out, instead of viewing the bout on a screen if they are given the proper inducement—a good fight card.

Barone, who had never been knocked off his feet in 52 pro contests, waded into Ezzard from the clang of the opening bell and never let up until a left to the jaw in the opening seconds of the fatal eleventh made his knees sag to start him on the road to the kayo.

In the second round he caught Ezz with several beauties, one of which snapped Charles' head back. The champion, discussing the fight in his dressing room, declared that the punch was the hardest landed on him and hurt him, but that he shook off its effects towards the end of the session. It was the nearest Barone came to winning a round, though many did give it to him. I called the frame an even one.

BARONE had planned a body attack, and though he succeeded frequently in carrying it out, he was outclassed in this respect by the champion. Ezzard whammed away with viciousness at the mid-section and, by way of variation, he ripped rights to Nick's jaw, hooked his left repeatedly to the Buffaloan's heart and staggered him with straight lefts.

It became obvious after the ninth round, which Charles took by a big margin, that Barone would be lucky to go the route. As in the bout with Louis, Charles kept wearing his opponent down with snappy, stinging punches. It was a masterful exhibition by the champion.

Barone put up a grand fight through it all, but was outclassed by a master technician. For the first time since he gained N.B.A. recognition as champion, Charles displayed killer instinct. In the eleventh round he landed a beauty, a jarring right uppercut to Barone's jaw. Nick became rubbery-legged. His feet were spread and he was on the verge of a knockdown.

Quick as a flash, Charles sensed the kill. Pell-mell he rushed forward and crashed a jarring left to the chin. As Nick attempted to fall into a clinch, the champion stepped back to avoid the hold and let loose with everything he had.

Barone for the first time in the affair was bewildered. Feebly he tossed a right for Ezzard's jaw that missed its mark and Charles let go a vicious right that landed squarely on the temple and sent Nick towards the canvas.

Without a moment's hesitation, Ezzard then poured it on with both hands. His flailing fists turned the trick. A jolting right put an end to the interesting mill. Nick hit the resin dust and rolled over and rested on his elbow while Referee Warrendorf counted the fatal ten. As the count was completed, the Buffalo lad attempted to get to his feet, but he was too groggy. When he finally did get up, he reeled towards a neutral corner and was about to fall again when Henny Andrews, his manager and chief second, came to his rescue and led him to his corner.

The fifth, ninth and final rounds were the champion's best. In the fifth, Ezzard cut loose with everything in his repertoire, yet couldn't down his courageous rival. The defending title holder dished it out with both hands at long range and in a close order body attack, but didn't halt the rushes of the former Marine. From then on, Charles methodically kept wearing down his opponent with never a doubt as to the final outcome.

The champion did everything asked of him. He proved that he is a worthy successor to the crown vacated by Louis, though he doesn't measure up to his greatness or that of many of the Brown Bomber's predecessors.

FIGHTER OF MONTH

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Johnson drew with Ronnie Bissell, 8. Bissell was outpointed by Con Bailey, 8.

Flyweight champion Theo Nolten became a double Dutch title holder by stopping Hannes Schneider for flyweight laurels, 10.

Scottish champion Eddie Carson whipped Manny (Kid) Francis, 8.

Gianni Zuddas outfought Amleto Falcinelli, 10. Gaetano Annaloro stopped Bobby Boland, 3.

Hadi Tijani drew with Guido Ferracin, 10. Gus Foran stopped Jimmy Gill, 7, but lost to Peter Fay on a disqualification, 8.

Ronnie Draper was too experienced for Ken Diston, 8. Jimmy Cardew had the better of Ken Diston, 8, but lost to Peter Fay over the same distance.

Freddie Hicks outpointed Tommy Bramble, 8. Jim Dwyer stopped Willie Myles, 5. Ron Johnson won over Laurie McShane, 8.

Ron Perry outpointed Brian Jelley, 6. Jim Brewer won over Cliff Wilson, 6.

Billy Daniels won over Mick Day, 6. Jimmy Carruthers stopped Ron Wilson, 5, and Fred Kay, 12.

Mannie (Kid) Francis outfought Jimmy Webster, 8. Tony Kay decisioned Eric Payne, 6.

Mickey O'Sullivan edged out Jimmy Butler, 6, and stopped Paddy Hyland, 4.

FLYWEIGHTS

European champion Jean Sneyers defended his title by knocking out Honore Pratesi, 3.

Teddy Gardner whipped Dickie O'Sullivan, 10.

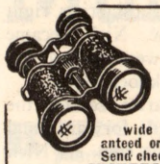
Black Pico outpointed Mickey McKay, 10. Jeff Oscroft outpointed Billy Ashton, 10.

Jackie Bryce stopped Mickey McLaughlin, 5.

Repeating a previous win, Jimmy Pearce defeated Welsh champion Glyn David, 8.

Bernard Marshall twice won over Mark Harrison, 6. Jimmy Roche decisioned Wilf Atherton, 6.

Johnny Black stopped Harry Barnes, 1.



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FIGHT OF THE YEAR

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under the impression that the fight was close and Laurent needed the round.

Hymie Blaustein, Dauthuille's American second, counselled caution, and urged, "Stay and box. Easy, easy. You have the title."

In going after LaMotta, Dauthuille fought the kind of last round Jacob wanted him to fight.

LAMOTTA'S theatrical tactics achieved their crest in the twelfth round.

After having been struck under the heart with a not so hearty right, LaMotta started out to put on his big act.

He leaned against the ropes, staggered, bleary eyed. That is, he played staggered. Wily Jake knew what he was about.

Dauthuille went after Jake. He gave everything. It is conceivable that this rally had a lot to do with Laurent's spent condition in the fifteenth round.

Suddenly, LaMotta stopped the stall, and tore into the Frenchman with a power which left Laurent in jeopardy.

Dauthuille took it, and came out of the twelfth still in front by the point system.

In the thirteenth round, LaMotta attempted a return engagement with the stall, but this time Dauthuille refused the bait.

Dauthuille merely stuck to his plan, and LaMotta was persuaded to cease the theatricals, and fight the fight.

It may be that when LaMotta went into his act in the twelfth, he really had been hurt. But if he had been injured, he did not take very long to snap out of his trouble.

LaMotta fought the first half of the fight with the supposition that he could outpoint his man. He had lost a ten round decision to Laurent. But he did not seem to pay much attention to this fact.

LAMOTTA was a one to three favorite over Dauthuille, in a fight which drew 11,426 paying customers, who turned $71,694 into the box office.

The battle became the Fight of the Year only after the eleventh round.

In the first 33 minutes of fighting, Dauthuille kept boring in, taking what Jake had, and piling up points. Jake looked old. He definitely had passed his peak, and there were many moments in which he realized this, poignantly.

It was a bruising fight. Dauthuille's left eye was cut as early as the third round. Jake's left eye was puffed in the eighth.

Laurent's right eye had been damaged in the fifth. At the close, they made a far from lovely spectacle.

Until those last four rounds, Dauthuille was not without fault. After all, he was up against a tried campaigner.

The way I saw the fight, Jake won just four rounds and one was even.

If game fighting, if rally and counter rally, if high drama and power punching, if the unlooked for denouement, if the roar of the crowd and the tensions of surprise all count in making the Fight of the Year, that LaMotta-Dauthuille affair certainly had more than the requisite quota of ingredients.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS
By Phil Goldstein

HAROLD EVANS and Tom Stanley promoted a boxing show at the Arena with no local boxers. In the feature bout Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J., kayoed Joe DeJohn, Syracuse, in the fifth round. The middleweights put up a good battle and for the first three rounds it was pretty even. In the next round DeJohn was hurt repeatedly and in the fifth was floored twice, the second time very badly. The referee wisely stopped it at this point.

In another middleweight bout Walter Cartier, New York, kayoed Joe Taylor, Binghamton, in the fourth.

Ron Delaney, 152, Akron, won a split ten-round decision over Charley Cotten, 152, Toledo, after suffering a first-round knockdown. Delaney rallied to win a close bout.

Riggie Allen 188, Ireland, making his American debut, stopped Bob Graham, Rochester, in the second. Allen, crude but promising, scored two knockdowns in the first and one in the second for keeps.

Allie Gronek, 147, Detroit, cut Johnny Paoletti's eye in the first round and won by a T.K.O. Paoletti, 152, Akron.

The Forest City Boxing Club presented its third straight artistic success. Jimmy Avon had Cleveland's Jackie Keough, 156, meet Jimmy Sherrer, 154, Milwaukee, in the eight-round feature. Keough won a hard-fought, close but unanimous decision over the hard-hitting Sherrer. Keough won the first round but lost the second and third decisively. Clean right hands by Sherrer won these two rounds. The fourth was all Keough. It was his best round. He jabbed, hooked and crossed beautifully. Keough also took the fifth, sixth and seventh by close margins. The eighth and final round was even. These boys fought from start to finish and Keough had to come from behind to win. It was one of the best main bouts held in Cleveland in many years. Keough looks better every time out.

Walter Keyes, 134, Asheville, N. C., was going good against Paul Brooks, 136, until Brooks connected with a beautiful hook to solar plexus and a right cross to the chin in the first round. Keyes went down and out and Brooks won by a K.O.

Elmer Lakatos 135, Youngstown, knocked out Gene Kelly, 142, Pittsburgh, in the first. Kelly was ahead on points when Lakatos crossed a right under Kelly's heart and followed with a left hook to the stomach. Kelly dropped, taking nine. Lakatos then feinted his right and hooked a beautiful left to the solar plexus which put the Pittsburgh boy out for two minutes.

Tommy Salem, 128, stopped Babe Armstrong, 127, Dayton, in the fourth.

Sampson Powell, 162, stopped Jack Davis, 161, Columbus, in the second. Davis was ahead, but Powell's right caused a deep gash over Davis' left eye and the Commission physician ordered the bout stopped.

Mickey Mars, 124, looked better than ever when he stopped the elusive, rugged and game Joey Brown, 120, Akron, in the second.

Geor Kolarik, 155, after losing the first came back to beat Jimmy Hudson, 152, into submission in the third round.

Ed Bang's annual Xmas fund show December 4 was excellent, as usual. In the feature, Kid Gavilan, 148, Cuba, decisively beat Tony Janiro, 153, Youngstown, in eight. Janiro tried all his skill and cunning but could not beat off the never-ending gloves thrown by the Cuban. There was action every second but the final score sheet showed Tony winning only two rounds. The Cuban landed the harder punches, the most punches, and was the aggressor all the way.

Walter Cartier, 159, New York, had a clear edge over Jimmy Sherrer, 157, Milwaukee, for seven rounds of another thriller and then suddenly in the eighth, Cartier dropped Sherrer with a beautiful left hook. Sherrer arose but it appeared as if his jaw were broken, so the referee called an immediate halt to the fracas.

Harold Green, 159, New York, won eight out of ten rounds from Ernie Durando, 156, Bayonne. Two rounds were taken away from Harold for low blows. This writer and the crowd thought the blows were too ineffectual to justify this action. Green won the bout by a split vote. One round for Durando was a big one: he had the veteran Green badly hurt. Green won the fight for aggressiveness and superior infighting.

Tommy Salem, 127, won a split verdict over Mickey Mars, 124, in the four-round opener.

NEBRASKA BOXING
By Floyd Hayes

PROMOTER Joe Smogye brought a boxing attraction to Omaha which will long be talked about by the small crowd of 675 who paid $1,486.50 to see the fisticuffs.

It was a double main event with Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 139, Detroit, and Ronnie Harper, 140½, Charlestown, West Virginia, battling ten action-packed rounds. The bout was declared a draw by Referee Bill Burke. The crowd applauded the two after each round. Harper dropped Jones to the canvas early in the second round. Jones then went on the defensive but managed to spurt in the latter rounds to gain the draw. It was a slugger-boxer affair with Harper slugging and Jones boxing.

In the other half of the double main event, Packy McFarland, 131, Tucson, Arizona, decisioned the veteran Herman Mills, 133, Chicago, in ten rounds. McFarland is a two-fisted puncher who rocks them when he connects.

In the special event, Gayus Outhouse, 146, South Sioux City, Nebraska, spotted Jimmy Griffin, 156, Omaha, ten pounds and then completely outclassed the Irishman. The referee wisely stopped the bout at 2:46 of the second round of the scheduled six-rounder awarding Outhouse the T.K O. win to save Griffin further punishment.

In the semi-windup, Bobby Carew, 131, Des Moines was awarded a T.K.O. over Harold McDonald, 126, Omaha, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-rounder. McDonald was completely outclassed by the Iowan and went on his bicycle early. Carew floored him every time he caught up with him.

In the special event Gayus Outhouse, 143, South Sioux City, Nebraska, decisioned Eddie Milton, 139, Omaha, in six.

In the preliminaries Tony Avila, 162, Kansas City (subbing for Harold Hulit) took a four-round nod over Fred Lee Booker, 160, Omaha. Billy Engle, 130, Sioux City, decisioned Rodney Reynolds, 126, Omaha, in four. Henry Martinez, 126, Des Moines, copped the four-round duke over Jesse Watson, 126, Omaha.

Short Jabs—In the semi-windup to the Alvin Williams-Louis Gray card at Wichita, Kansas, Nelson Levering, 140, Macy, Nebraska, decisioned Clarence Harbin, 141, St. Louis, Missouri, in six. Levering floored Harbin in the first and sixth rounds and Harbin scored a knockdown in the third. George Massouris, World War II Army veteran, who took boxing seriously while serving in the Third Armoured Division in the European Theater of Operations and then came back to Council Bluffs and entered the Golden Gloves tourney in Omaha, was found murdered along an Iowa highway. Massouris, a cab driver, was shot in the head and robbed.

In the preliminaries Coranzor Fitzgerald, 205, Omaha, making his second start as a professional, knocked out James Motley, 187, Alliance, Nebraska, at 2.40 of the second round of a scheduled four-rounder. Fitzgerald took command at the opening bell with a two-fisted attack and never let up.

Rocky Grimes, 154, Omaha, was awarded a T.K.O. over James Humpal, 157, Omaha, at 2:57 of the fourth. Humpal was the aggressor in the first two rounds, but tired badly in the third round.

Promoter Max Clayton brought Harry (Kid) Matthews, 172, Seattle, back to Omaha to headline a boxing card. He was matched with Arcade (Windmill) Pierce, 170, Price, Utah. Matthews knocked Pierce out at 1:44 of the second round. Pierce took it upon himself to prove to the 1,110 fans who paid $2,143.50 that vaudeville wasn't dead. When Matthews hit Pierce with a good solid right to the chops he landed outside of the ring. Then Referee Sam Mazzeri, not to be kept out of the act, followed him through the ropes and helped him back into the ring instead of performing his duties as a referee. When Pierce was hoisted back in the ring nobody knew whether he had been gone ten seconds or not, nobody cared, they had seen enough. Mazzeri motioned Pierce to the corner and awarded the bout to Matthews. However, it didn't matter whether he had been out ten seconds or not because it would have happened again. Matthews had slowed him down with a series of punches to the heart in the first round and floored him in the second round prior to the K.O. Matthews is a good boy and deserves far better opponents, but I am afraid he will never draw in Omaha. It is too bad for Harry could have knocked out a dozen like Pierce and is a credit to the game.

. . . Orville Bitney, Omaha middleweight, has been reinstated by Boxing Commissioner Charley Moon and will see action again in the near future.

Remember to get your boxing news in my hands by the second day of each month. The writer's address is 2209 Vinton Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Phone ORchard 1165.

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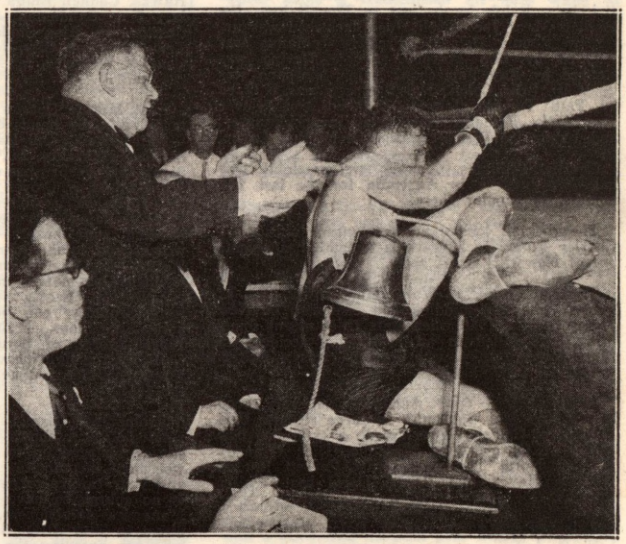
IN THE RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

↑ *At Madison Square Garden, New York; Archie Devino, Newark, New Jersey, featherweight, down in the seventh round from a left hook and right cross to the jaw delivered by France's Ray Famechon. The referee stopped the contest when Devino beat the count but was too groggy to continue.*



Time takes a beating! Ronnie Clayton retained his British and Empire championship when he defeated Jim Kenny, of Polmont, over the fifteen round route at Albert Hall, London. Here we see Kenny in the sixth round taking a nine count when he fell out of the ring and plopped onto the watches and timekeeper. →

Frankie Fernandez, Territorial welterweight champ, rocks Beau Jack, ex-lightweight champion of the world, with a hard right to the head in the third round of their ten round fight at Honolulu, which was won by Fernandez with ease.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND — Boxing remained dead in New Jersey, although rumors are flying that there will be a few clubs opening after the first of the year. However, New Jersey fighters found action in out-of-state rings with the following results:

Rudy Pasco lost to Jimmy Cooper. Charley Norkus lost to Duilio Spagnola. Bernie Dowd held Humberto Sierra to a draw. Ernie Durando K.O.'ed Joey DeJohn but lost to Harold Green. Johnny Kamber K.O.'ed Frankie Carero and beat Harry Diduck. Tony Amato stopped Harry Bos.

Also Tony Cimmino continued to look like one of the best young welterweights by drawing with Dick Cannady and beating both Dave Andrews and Chester Slider in upsets. Doc Williams lost to Grant Butcher. Eddie Holtz lost to Marcel Brisebois. Ralph Jacobs lost to Tim Dalton. Ike Williams beat Joe Miceli. Joe Blackwood was upset by Ronnie Delaney. Freddy McManus was K.O.'ed by Bob Murphy. Archie Devino was stopped by Ray Famechon. Ralph Giordano was upset by Julie Colon. Hal Sampson was K.O.'ed by Paul Pender. Johnny DeFazio scored over Joey Artia. Ernie Koutnick beat Joe Henningser, and Jersey Joe Walcott was upset by Rex Layne.

Charlie Williams, Newark welterweight, who has been fighting in Australia for the last few months, is popular there.

The cocktail lounge and restaurant opened by Charley Fusari in Newark last month has become one of Newark's smart spots.

Thomas (Bunky) Wall, Morristown, N. J., fighter, who was middleweight champion of New Jersey back in 1940 when state titles meant something, was killed in an automobile accident in Morristown. Bunky, who was 32, was a welterweight.

Late Flashes—Tony Amato looked very good in stopping Mel Goldsmith in three rounds. Pete Adams, ex-Golden Glover, made a good pro bow with a K.O. over Joe Massillio. Dick Cannady K.O.'ed Norm Thompson. Billy Corbett lost to Norman Hayes, and Bernie Dowd beat Walter Stevens.

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IOWA, SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By Bill Hawkins

SCOTTY SULLIVAN, ace wrestling promoter in this section, has started weekly wrestling cards in Sioux City. Sullivan has left nothing undone in order to treat fans to some of the best mat cards seen in Sioux City in years.

A call for entries in Sioux City's 17th annual Golden Gloves amateur boxing tourney to be held in the new municipal auditorium February 12, 13, 14 and 15, has been issued by Willis F. Forbes, tournament director. The tourney is under the sponsorship of the Sioux City *Journal-Tribune*.

Des Moines, Ia.—Dave Nemo has started the second annual amateur boxing series here, which are being held in the Jewish Community Center. Competition will be held in the novice and open divisions and in all eight weight classes. It is open to all Iowa entrants.

South Dakota, one of the leading spots for amateur boxing has opened the winter season with the following spots on the map: The Commercial Travelers are the sponsors of cards at Mitchell; Aberdeen has opened up under the direction of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; At Sioux Falls under the direction of the American Legion with Barney Boos, state athletic commissioner, in charge; The Knights of Columbus has started at Elkton, S. D.; Don Getschell, athletic director of the American Legion at Rapid City, S. D., is lining up programs. He has plans for a sectional tournament around the Black Hills district. Johnny Gates, former amateur champion is making plans for a card at Morristown, S. D. Boxing in the middlewest needs a shot in the arm and these amateur programs will certainly turn the trick and bring out some new faces in the professional ranks.

Nov. 30—Mitchell, S. D. A hard punching Dale Creech, 148, former Mitchell amateur boxer, booking out of Huron, S. D., got off the deck to score a second round kayo over Harlan Reisland, 144, of Mitchell; Glen Bethke, 170, Sioux Falls, won a unanimous decision over Virgil Sample, 167, of Mitchell. The only other kayo on the program was scored by Paul Kingery, 139, Huron, who stopped Don Jones, 134, Plankinton, S. D., in the second round. One T.K.O. was recorded, Alan Anderson, 156, Plankinton, winning over Bob Qualseth, 152, of Sioux Falls.

Sioux City, Iowa, November 10—In one of the best wrestling shows ever presented in Sioux City, one of the fastest and one of the roughest, Georgia Steen winning a fall over Corkie Lee. She won the fall in 28 minutes.

Professor John Dobbs, who incidentally runs a girls' wrestling college in Omaha, really had his hands full in beating Mr. Mid-America in one hour and fifteen minutes.

Our Question Box: To L. D. S. at Lubbock, Tex. You can find that book in THE RING Book Shop. You must have missed it. To B. G. at Pittsburgh. I do not have much information on the wrestling girls you mention, but press reports show Dot Dotson as from Lakeland, Fla., Milly Staford, as from Racine, Wis. Carol Cook as from Toledo, Ohio, and Ellen Olsen from Minneapolis. Georgia Stien has been a big hit in Sioux City and scales 135. To J. C. at Duluth, Minn. Here is a short list of the Iowa sports editors you asked for: John Lundgren, Burlington *Hawkeye Gazette;* Burlington, Ia.. Fred Hawks, Council Bluffs Nonpareil, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Max Sandeman, Creston *News-Advertiser*, Creston, Ia. Alex Stoddard, Sioux City *Journal-Tribune*, Sioux City, Ia., and Al Ney, Waterloo *Courier*, Waterloo, Ia . . . To L. U. at Columbus, O. Yes.

Last Minute Sparks . . . News for this spot must be in my hands by the fifth of each month—mail same to Bill Hawkins, 2206 N. Lafayette Street Sioux City, Ia., Gayus Outhouse of South Sioux City, Nebr has opened up the season with a six-round win over Eddie Milton of Omaha, at Omaha in a welterweight bout there. . . . When sending this department information regarding your boxers—please let us know the weight and color—Johnny Markey, down at Des Moines, Ia., has several boxers under his management—promoters may reach him at 665, 14 St. Pl. . . . Scotty Sullivan, middle-west wrestling promoter can be reached at 2500, West 12th St., Sioux Falls, South Dakota. . . . Floyd Byerly, of Scranton, Iowa, has put his claim on the light-heavyweight wrestling title of Iowa. . . . See you next month and best wishes for 1951.

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SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO

By Less Huffman

CAM AGIN, fast stepping lightweight, who was a very rough fellow while fighting in the Golden Gloves, since turning pro has not lost a fight, having in the neighborhood of fifteen. Cam, a policeman on the Zanesville police force, in his most recent outing added Joe Moreno, lightweight, to his skein of wins when he kayoed Moreno in the second round.

The semi-final was a Donnybrook between two great little fighters. Tony Salem, of Cleveland, 125, and Tommy Tibbs, Columbus, 124, went eight fast rounds with Salem getting the nod. Salem was the best on the outside while Tibbs would come out of a crouch and fan the air with all kinds of blows.

John Gourley, Zanesville, Ohio, welterweight, and Dan Pinto, Columbus Italian, slugged it out to a six-round draw.

Pat Murphy, a hill boy from Huntington, W. Va., who lacked experience but made up for it with his willingness, lost a close decision in four heats to up and coming Bobby Thompson, of Columbus, in a welterweight scrap. Franky Ivon, Columbus middleweight, went to work early on Dick Loyd, who was a good catcher but a very tough one. Ivon had to use the old alley rules on him, just stood there and hammered away until Loyd was out on his feet and the referee, Cuddy Dixon, stopped the fight. Walter Agin had little trouble with Jack Sloan, another hill boy from West Virginia Sloan was hit as soon as the bell rang starting the first round and he was up and down until he was stopped in the second heat, and the promoter paid him. Art Smallwood, red-haired kid, copped a close duke over Bill Todd, of Delaware, in four fast rounds. Todd ran out of steam in the final round and Smallwood forged ahead on points. They are lightweights.

Boxing is outdrawing wrestling in Zanesville, Ohio, but this is the only spot that is forging ahead in Ohio so far.

At Toledo, Ohio, Sid Goldberg staged an action plus show which drew 7,000 cash customers. They witnessed Charley Cotton, Toledo welterweight, take a ten-round decision from Charley Salas, of Arizona.

In a second ten Billy Graham, welterweight contender, had an easy time winning the nod over his Belgium opponent, Kid Dussart.

In the third ten-rounder Johnny Williams, New York, T.K.O.'ed Chuck Taylor, of Coalport, Pa., in the seventh session. The bout was a ding-dong affair with Taylor ending up with lacerations around one eye and on the scalp. It was a real pier sixer.

Jim (Red) Elby, Toledo middleweight, stopped Ronnie Hamlin, of Cincinnati, in 24 seconds of the fifth round. Ray Ulis, Toledo lightweight, won the decision from Stanley Kursa, Detroit, in six. Johnny Paoletti, Akron, Ohio, welterweight, lost to Al Gronik, Detroit, in five heats.

Paul Adamoski, a former lieutenant in the army, who tips the Fairbanks at 185, is the newest addition to the 20th Century boxing stable here in Ohio.

Red Top Davis, who formerly fought under the name of Murray Sugar Cain, and hails from Zanesville, Ohio, chalked up another win when he was given a ten-round decision over Dennis (Pat) Brady of New York City at Hartford, Conn.

Norbert Updike, a business man in Indianapolis, Indiana, was given a license to promote boxing shows in Indianapolis.

Updike, who with Tiny Bland have been trainers of amateur boxers for the past several years and have turned out some mighty nice looking youngsters, thinks it is time to turn them pro.

Wrestling, which has been drawing capacity in the Middle West, is now having a letdown, spots that have been drawing big crowds, are now showing to just mediocre crowds. The writer.

At Cleveland 3,368 fans saw Joey DeJohn and Ernie Durando, and Walter Cartier and Joe Taylor mix it up. Cartier stalked Taylor and bounced several single hard right hands off the ebony from Birmingham, N. Y., then went to work for good. He had Taylor on the canvas three times before he kept him down for good. Cartier experimented with a left hook that found the spot. Taylor managed to stay the second although he was getting knocked from one side of the ring to the other. In the third heat Cartier caught Taylor with a left hook that sent him spinning across the ring. Taylor was game, he tried to make a show of it, but it was plain to see that Cartier was not to be denied. In the fourth round Cartier hit Taylor with two lefts and a right for the three knockdowns in the bout and out went Taylor.

Durando vs. Joey DeJohn was action plus. Durando went to work early and had DeJohn down for a short count in the first heat, after which DeJohn came back gamely and countered, having Durando bleeding at the nose badly.

Durando came back strongly in the third round with two hard left hooks which knocked DeJohn off balance. The knockout came after Durando rushed DeJohn and tossed a hard right hand that landed flush on the whiskers. Down went DeJohn for the count of eight. He was groggy, but gamely got up off the canvas. Durando took aim, started a straight right hand which hit DeJohn and out he went for the count.

In the other ten-rounder Charlie Cotton, Toledo, was defeated by Ron Delaney, Akron, Ohio, block buster, in a very close fight.

A cut eye in the first round caused Johnny Paoletti to lose via the T.K.O. route to Allie Gronick, of Detroit.

Ron Delaney, 154, Akron's block buster, got up off the floor in the first round and showed Joe Blackwood, 159, Paterson, N. J., middleweight, what the score was. Delaney got up after he was hit hard with several hard rights and left hooks, and started to make Blackwood call him uncle. In the second round Delaney bounced out of his corner and twice staggered Blackwood back on his heels. It was a ding-dong affair with Delaney gaining a unanimous decision. The gate: $5,100.

Jimmy Bell, Washington, D. C., heavyweight, was stopped in the seventh by Odell Riley, of Detroit. Allie Gronik, of Detroit, went to a draw with Russ Jefferson, of Cleveland, Ohio, in a fast six-rounder. Herb Jackson won over Moe Harvey in a six-round bout that was packed full of action from the opening bell. Bill Daley's English importation, Regis Allen, a heavyweight, went to a draw with Pat Browning, of Detroit, in four rounds in the opener.

Embro Davison, Detroit heavyweight, had little trouble with Jimmy Carrola, of New York, in a ten-round bout in which Davis was given the nod. There were no knockdowns in the fight.

At Alberta, Canada, Rudy Zadell, Akron lightweight, lost to George Dunn, of Alberta, Canada. Promoter Jack Berry had a well-balanced card which was topped by Zadell and Dunn This was the first fight for Zadell in his comeback.

Before ending my column this month I wish to extend holiday greetings to ALL.

Send all notes to Less Huffman, P.O. Box 611, Station G, Columbus, Ohio, by the first of the month. Grab your best hold promoters and hang on. The new year will be in our favor.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

NORVEL LEE, National A.A.U. Golden Gloves and International amateur heavyweight champion, impressed Norfolk boxing fans with his ability, by winning over Edger Smith, Canadian Golden Glove champion of 1949, in the "World Trade Boxing Carnival" presented by the Virginia A.C. The semi-final was the most interesting bout of the evening. In that, Pierce Travis, 160, San Diego sailor, and Lyle Kroger, 157, N.A.S. scrapper, staged a pier No. 6 brawl, with Travis getting a close decision.

Al Robbins, 137, of Portsmouth, edged a win over Jackie Jackson, 143, of Norfolk, K.O. sensation Eddie Bell, 156, of Norfolk, won over Bob Hines, 155, of Norfolk. Bill Henderson, 130, of the V.A.C. won a close bout over Tommy Abrams, 130, Tampa, Fla.

Freddie Heini, 146, N.A.S. battler, easily decisioned Archie Cummings, 149, of Farmville. Clyde Wagner, 151, of the N.A.S. won a surprise decision over Tommy Goodwin, 161. Russell Sessoms, 199, of Portsmouth, decisioned his twice previous conqueror, Satchelfoot Stewart, 215, of the V.A.C.

Dykes Thurman, of Richmond, is doing a "bang-up" job at the McGuire's Hospital, in Richmond, and at the Veterans' hospital in Roanoke, staging bi-monthly cards for the veterans entertainment. Assisting "Dykes" in his chores of promoter, matchmaker, announcer and timekeeper, is the veteran Freddy Wallmeyer.

The V.A.C. of Norfolk presented another pleasing card at the Norfolk Auditorium, with Jimmy Ithier, 128, of the *U.S.S. Mississippi*, defeating Al Robbins, 133, of the V.A.C. Ithier, protege of Bill Brennan, star light-heavy of the early 30's, continuously crowded his taller and heavier opponent to gain the nod.

Again staging a pier No. 6 brawl, Pierce Travis, 159, of the V.A.C., defeated Lyle Kroger, 155, of the N.A.S. KO sensation Eddie Bell, 165, of the V.A.C., suffered his first knockdown and knockout at the hands of Pat Patterson, 164, of the *U.S.S. Sauffley*.

In the Tidewater amateur boxing tournament, presented by the Virginia Athletic Club of Norfolk, at the Norfolk Municipal Auditorium, an excellent prospect was discovered in Pat Patterson of the *U.S.S. Sauffley*. He's the best prospect since Ken Overlin. He's a middleweight and beat Eddie Bell in the 160 pound final.

Sorry space doesn't permit the publication of complete results in this issue.

News regarding Virginia boxers are welcome, send same by the second of each month. My address is: 7423 W. Kenmore Drive, Norfolk.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Broadway Johnny Cox

PROFESSIONAL boxing took a lacing here during the months of November and December, 1950, when Promoters Heard Ragas and Allan LaCombe failed to stage any fistic cards. Matchmakers Lew Raymond and Louis Messina were also inactive.

Mrs. Ernestine Murtagh, who stages the weekly wrestling bouts under the auspices of the VFW, took advantage of the lull in boxing and brought in new mat talent. The Lou Thesz-Hans Herman bout paid off on $3,000. Internationally known and colorful former heavyweight champion Ed "Strangler" Lewis played a big part in the large gate as Lewis arrived here several days before the title bout and was good copy for the feature story writers, on all local papers.

Professional boxing is a sport which must be staged regularly with weekly shows. Layoffs of two to three months do not help the game.

Maxie Docusen heard the wedding bells ring on November 25 when the nationally known New Orleans lightweight pride was married to Miss Rowena Bordelon at Sacred Heart Church. Maxie, as usual, played to a capacity crowd. Maxie plans on resuming fighting shortly.

A ten round bout here between Maxie Docusen and Jackie Graves, Austin, Minn., would be a sellout. . . . Rumors in the cauliflower row have it that Heard Ragas and Abe Katz will promote at the Coliseum Arena as partners. . . . Johnny Abrams, who was the leading promoter here with Dominick Tortorich back in 1920, is employed at the Fair Grounds race track. . . . Two former nationally known lightweight stars hailing from New Orleans, Joe Mandot and Pal Moran, are also working at the historic race course. . . . Pete Herman, former twice bantam king, Eddie "Kid" Wolfe and Jimmy King, former fighters, operate night spots in the gay French Quarters here.

Joe Gunther, one of the foremost light-heavyweight mat performers who makes Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans, La., his home, has a large racing stable and trains his own horses.

Internationally known and picturesque Eddie Borden, fight manager, publicity director and fistic scout, was a local visitor for several weeks. Borden at 51 looks much younger. Eddie spent most of his time here with Lew Raymond, New York matchmaker, promoter and double talk champion. Borden also hobnobbed with Pete Herman, twice former bantamweight champion, and Eddie "Kid" Wolfe, Memphis, Tenn., one time lightweight contender who owns a high class spot in the Vieux Carre.

Fighters desiring information on local work this year can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

BOXING NEWS FROM SQUIRES A. C. OF BALTIMORE
By Dave Kessler

BOXING came back to Baltimore in a big way under the name of the Squires A. C. Heading the Squires A. C. promotion is a well-known fight manager around Baltimore, Benny Trotta. Trotta has as his matchmaker the ever popular and capable Sylvan Bass. Bass, formerly with the now disbanded Century A. C., is well known for the many good fights he has brought to Baltimore in recent years.

Headlining the first show Bass brought together Sonny Boy West of Washington and Charley Salas of Phoenix, Ariz. Salas, recent conqueror of lightweight champion Ike Williams, came to Baltimore highly touted and was expected to give West a good battle, but he showed little as West completely outfought and outboxed his more experienced opponent to win the unanimous decision. Salas scaled 147 to 138 for West.

Carl Coates, 146, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Fields, 146. Gene Gunther, 150, T.K.O.'ed Frank Covington, 144. Paul Minner, 188, scored a K.O. over Tommy De Hart, 189. Eddie Gilcrest, 128, scored a K.O. over Joey Longo.

The second show staged by the Squires A. C. brought together lightweight Massima Sanna of Italy and Red Top Davis. Not taking any credit away from Sanna who was a substitute for Charley Titone, Referee Lee Halfpenny wisely stopped the bout at the end of the eighth round to save the Italian lightweight from serious damage.

Prelims: Billy Busick, 146, won a majority vote over Bobby Bohn, 153, Joey Longo, 124, won a unanimous decision over Ted Harris, 128. Gene Gunther, 149, won by a T.K.O. over Harold Purvis, 142, in 2:45 of the second round. George Edmond, 130½, a stablemate of Red Top Davis, won a unanimous decision over Little Dynamite, 129, of Washington.

At the same club a week later the Squires A. C. brought Baltimore fight fans an exciting night of boxing. Featured in the first bout was a slam bang eight-rounder which brought together Billy Justine, 147, of Philadelphia, and Marshall Clayton, 141, the former all-army champion from Washington, D. C. Both boys came out from the opening bell and banged away with both hands. The end came in 2:00 of the fourth round as Marshall was dropped by a smashing left hook to the jaw. Bud McQuade wisely stopped the bout.

In the second ten rounder Jimmy Bell, 204, of Washington, beat Lonnie Clark, 230, of New York, by a T.K.O. in the sixth round as Clark suffered a badly cut eye.

In the best bout of the night, young Holly Mims, Washington, D. C. middleweight, won a unanimous decision over the veteran and classy Chicago middleweight, Johnny Bratton. Mims seemed to fool everyone by his victory as Bratton was installed a big favorite before the fight. It was a peach of a battle.

In a bout to determine the leading middleweight in the State of Maryland, Terry Moore, 154, won a unanimous 12-round decision over his cross-town rival, Bobby Lee, 152. It was in the fifth round that Lee drooped Moore for a nine count with a terrific right to the jaw. After recovering from the knockdown, Moore went on to take command and win the unanimous decision.

The eight-round semi-final between Tex Newby of Baltimore and Floyd Morris of New York, proved to be as good a match as the main event. Morris won the unanimous decision. Morris weighed 170; Newby, 165½.

COVERING PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

AFTER an absence of two years, veteran Promoter Herman Taylor came back and successfully staged the Rocky Graziano-Honeychile Johnson contest at the Convention Hall. Taylor will stage shows at the Arena and at the Convention Hall during the winter months.

Joe Wenke, promoter at the Cambria is now staging the only weekly shows hereabouts. Wenke can be reached at the Cambria A.C., Kensington and Somerset Sts., Philadelphia, 34, Pa., by managers and boxers who wish to show their wares in this city. Jimmy Toppi, promoter at the Met expects to resume promoting after alterations are completed at his club.

Rocky Graziano, 158, New York, knocked out Honeychile Johnson, 153, Philadelphia, in the fourth round at the Convention Hall on a card promoted by Herman Taylor. Honeychile gave Rock a battle while the fight lasted. The former middleweight champ, in his first appearance in this city, knocked out his opponent with a right hand to the jaw. The gate was $26,740.00 and 7,569 fans attended the show.

In the semi-final, Rudy Cruz, 137½, a Purple Heart veteran from Los Angeles, gained a 10-round decision over Arthur King, 136, British Empire lightweight champ. King lost because he was penalized three rounds by Referee Dave Beloff.

Jimmy Flood, 166, slugger from Midtown New York, made a tremendous hit here when he knocked out Jimmy Hayden, 164½, Buffalo, with a left hook to the jaw in the first round.

Gil Turner, 141½, scored his tenth consecutive knockout since turning pro against Joe Brewer, in the first round. Turner, a former National AAU welter champion surprised by his quick victory.

Joe Giardello, 158, Philadelphia, fought a six-round draw with George Roberts, 162, Philadelphia, and Joe Liberto, 154, Buffalo, disposed of Joe Mayne, 150, Philadelphia, in the first round.

Cambria A.C.—Gil Turner, 144, Philadelphia, scored his 12th consecutive knockout since turning pro at the expense of Al Hauser, 140, Philadelphia, in the second round after having his local rival down three times in that round. Tony Wolfe, 158, Lebanon, Pa., knocked out Johnny Byrd, 154, Philadelphia, in the first round. Cliff Brickle, Atlantic City, scored a four-round T.K.O. over Jimmy Jerolle, 152, Allentown, Pa., Billy Marino, 171½, Manayunk, was knocked out in the second round by Joe Black, 170, Philadelphia, and Carl Myer, 152, Philadelphia, won by T.K.O. in the second round against George Frison, 149, Philadelphia.

Cambria A.C.—Ted Calaman, 185, Philadelphia, a knockout in the third round over Giant Lonnie Clark, 220, Philadelphia, in an exciting fight. Sherman Nelson, 120, Philadelphia, T.K.O.'ed Dan Rider, 114, Philadelphia, in the first round. Marvin Edelman, 157, Philadelphia, won a six-round decision over Harry Tompkins, 152, Philadelphia. Baby Rocky, 129, Trenton, N. J., knocked out Little Bear, 122, Philadelphia, in the fourth round and Billy Shannon, 139, Philadelphia, lost by T.K.O. to Gene Takach, 138, Trenton, N. J., in the third round.

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BINGHAMPTON WRESTLING AND BOXING NEWS
By Joe Diehl

FRANK SEXTON, whom many regard as the most proficient matman active today recently made his Binghamton debut by capturing two out of three falls from Lee (Joe Palooka) Henning. Sexton, who is known as the man of a thousand holds, was particularly impressive in winning the first fall with the application of his famed head vise, or tomahawk, in which he propelled Henning, whose facial resemblance to Ham Fisher's comic strip character is amazing, back into the confines of the squared circle. Henning had been rung up on a ring post at the time.

Gorgeous George made his first appearance of the season and fourth since November, 1949, when he grappled to a draw with Lucky Simonovich, barefooted Honolulu refugee, a fortnight before Sexton's match. This writer would have to tab George as the greatest single box office attraction to work here, but for all around wrestling agility Sexton and Antonio Rocca, the latter who was here in June, have thus far been the top performers in popular appeal. In addition to Sexton, several other gladiators made their initial Triple Cities' appearances this fall. Among them were Henning, who is campaigning out of Boone, Iowa; Ray Gunkel, ex-Purdue simon-pure from Terre Haute, Ind.; Jack (Hatchet Man) Terry, Raleigh, N. C., villain; Sandor Kovacs, billed out of Columbus, Ohio; Jim Wright, Los Angeles badman, and Farmer Don Marlin, who is accompanied into the ring by a diminutive piglet named "Clementine." Earlier in the fall new faces included Lucky Simonovich, Sterling (Dizzy) Davis, of Houston, Tex., and Danny McShain.

Grunts—Pedro Martinez, promoter for the Binghamton shows, was the victim of a robbery recently. Martinez was in Buffalo at the time his Rochester home was robbed and ransacked.

Boxing here is still in the conversational stage with nothing definite having been carded as this was written.

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU
By Professor Wilfred Stephenson

THE feature bout on November 11 at the Acho Arena here brought together the Peruvian idol, Antonio Frontado, 75 kgs., and the New Yorker, Artie T wne, 71.200 kgs, in a ten-rounder. The North American fighter gave an impressive and pleasing performance, and Frontado took a lot of punishment throughout the fray, especially in the second round when the bell saved him and in the seventh when he was knocked down spectacularly for nine-counts.

There were about 15,000 fans present to see the local king dethroned while receiving the first genuine beating he has had since his professional career began.

The fighters went the entire route, with Artie outclassing his opponent at every angle of the game. His blows were delivered with precision, and his timing, dodging, ducking and countering were perfect.

In a welter ten-rounder on the same card Luis Gutierrez TKOed Julio Franco in six.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

BOXING shows at Mexico City during the month of November showed the following results:

Nov. 1—Angel Iglesias, 113, outpointed Baby Rivera, 113, in ten. Nacho Perez, 110, stopped Baby Cruz, 116, in three.

Nov. 8—Baby Gonzalez, 125, outpointed Panchito Uribe, 125, in ten. Rafael Hadad, 137, outpointed Chico Escamilla, 134, in ten.

Nov. 8—Gabriel Diaz, 127, stopped Tony Becerra, 123, in one. Jorge Castro, 145, stopped Enrique Dominguez, 145, in eight.

Nov. 11—Bobby Burgess, 141, from San Francisco, Calif., outpointed Rafael Gutierrez, 142, in ten. Alfonso Ortiz, 129, outpointed Baby Vazquez, 128, in ten.

Nov. 15—Chebo de la Torre, 117, outpointed Bobo Villa, 118, in ten. Tomas Vargas, 145, stopped Pelon Cabrera, 150, in five.

Nov. 18—Pituka Perez, 126, outpointed Negro Sandoval, 126, in ten. Lalo Gallardo, 137, outpointed Rafael Hadad, 136, in ten.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (Bill) Thomas, Jr.

PRO boxing came back to Colorado last month with two shows at Mammoth Gardens in Denver. Both were fistic and financial successes and each featured Corky Gonzales, Denver's popular featherweight. Gonzales is a top performer and even though many of the sports writers here in this Mile High City have buried the sport of boxing, Gonzales continues to prove that the fans, who pay the tariff, will turn out in numbers to see top talent in action. Promoter K. S. Barnett and Matchmaker Jack Kanner are trying to match Gonzales with Sandy Saddler for February.

The results of the two shows follow:

Denver, Nov. 14—Corky Gonzales, 127, knocked out Lee LeBurn, 123, Montreal, in the second round of the feature attraction at Mammoth Garden. Red Martinez, 119, Denver southpaw, won a six-round decision over Manuel Maldonado, 121, Pueblo, in the semi-final bout.

Denver, Dec. 5—Corky Gonzales, Denver, won a unanimous decision over Harry LaSane, Houston featherweight. Gonzales decked LaSane for the nine-count in the first round and it looked as if he was going to score an early knockout, but the rugged Texan withstood the attack and managed to win the third and seventh rounds for two out of the ten. Corky outboxed and outgunned Harry all the way through the fight. Jesse Mongia, Denver, beat out a six-round decision over Manuel Maldonado, Pueblo, in the semi. Both boys weighed in at 122 pounds.

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NEWS FROM CUBA
By J. A. Vieites

BEFORE a poor house that grossed only $1,101.10, Cuba's former featherweight champion, Miguel Acevedo, 129¾, scored an eight-round T.K.O. over Bobby Bell, Youngstown, Ohio. At Havana: The American invader, who came in at 125¾, proved no match for Acevedo, who scored several knockdowns and cut Bell all over the face, before the referee stopped the uneven match.

Bombon Oriental, 134¾, scored over Baby Gavilan, 135¼, in ten fast rounds.

Willie Flores, 143¾, gained the special six-rounder from Mario (Bolita) Hernandez, 147. Antonio (Pupy) Garcia, 123, kayoed Ramon Perez, 127¾, in two; while Raoul Hernandez, 108¾, drew in the curtain-raiser in four, with Armando Diaz, 106¾ pounds.

Cuban heavyweight champion, Omelio Agramonte, Camaguey, 189¼, scored an impressive victory, by gaining the unanimous ten-round decision over Abel Cestac, Argentina, 220¼. The fight attracted a house of $6,455.90.

Raoul Perez, 145½, and Tony Armenteros, 145½, also fought for twelve monotonous rounds before the referee called the fight a draw.

At Havana—The Sports Palace: Ciro Morasen and Luis Galvani. Morasen was pitted against Manuel Armenteros, who holds a draw with Black Pico, and Galvani, against a New Orleans Negro, Patrick Flowers. The show drew $2,855.00.

Ciro Morasen, 121½, found good opposition from Manuel Armenteros, 117, in the first two rounds, but when the third was over it was evident that Armenteros didn't belong in the same ring with Morasen.

Before the bell sounded for the fifth, Armenteros' seconds signaled the referee that their man wasn't able to continue.

Cuban bantamweight champion, Luis Galvani, 121, fighting for the first time since his initial defeat by Archie Devino in New York, looked O.K. when he stopped Patrick Flowers, 121½, in the seventh.

Cuban former flyweight titleholder, Tomas Vega, 117, lost a close eight-rounder to Orlando (Lefty) Echevarria, 122½.

Candido Gonzalez, 139¾, gained a sixer from Young Maceo, 142½, and Oscar Suarez, looked fine, stopping Tomas Zulueta in the third.

Suarez, at 102, gave a terrific handicap for a fly, to Orlando Zulueta's brother, who came in at 110¾.

Here are my Cuban ratings for the year:

Heavyweights: Omelio Agramonte, champion, Nino Valdez, Aldo Rodriguez.

Light-heavies: Yova Kid, champion, Tony Casas, Juan Naranjo, L. L. Gonzalez.

Middleweights: Title vacant. Kid Gavilan, Jesus Vila, Lino Armenteros, Luis Villa, P. P. Triana.

Welterweights: Title vacant. Kid Gavilan, Chico Varona, Kid Charolito, Raoul Perez, Tony Armenteros, Julio Pedroso.

Lightweights: Rafael Lastre, champion, Bombon Oriental, Orlando Zulueta, Humberto Sierra, Miguel Mendivil, Kikaro Garcia, Baby Gavilan.

Featherweights: Ciro Morasen, champion, Luis Galvani, Diego Sosa, Miguel Acevedo, Mario Pacheco, Lino Garcia, Jorge Sanchez, Batt Martinez, Polaco Lopez, Juan Medina, Alfonso Pages, Mario Rivero, Kid Cienfuegos.

Bantamweights: Luis Galvani, champion, Ciro Morasen, Black Pico, Manuel Armenteros, Orlando Echevarria, Tomas Vega, Baby Tolin, Jesus Lastre.

Flyweights: Black Pico, champion, Luis F. Fuentes, Amado Mir, Oscar Suarez, Oscar Durand, Raoul Hernandez, Armando Diaz.

Sorry that space in this issue is too scarce to elaborate on the fights that took place in Cuba.

FLASHES IN FISTIANA FROM WESTERN CANADA
By Walt Marlow

IN one of the best fights seen in Calgary in years, Joey Velez, 134½, Spokane, knocked out Calgary's Ernie Kemick, 134, at 2:25 of the fourth round of an Ernie Farr promoted card.

The fight, a rematch of their draw battle six weeks previously, saw Velez at his best. It was just a case of the 20-year-old Kemick being too inexperienced for his older opponent.

Kemick had Velez on the floor for a nine count in the second round, however, was unable to apply the finishing touches that would have brought him victory.

The loss was Kemick's second in 24 professional fights.

In the six-round semi-final, Doug Harper, Calgary middleweight, easily pounded out a unanimous decision over Frankie Gimbel, Spokane.

Harper, showing the effects of a long layoff, had good chances in four of the six rounds to knock Gimbel out, but could never get the one punch over.

Wally Stankey drew with Ray Greenwood; Gus Bruno decisioned Eddie Poalizer; Doug Cunningham scored over Billy Salkeld, and Johnny Salkeld punched too hard and too fast for Hooker Hawkins in the special event.

The card drew a crowd of 3200, as good an indication as any that boxing is on its way to becoming a top drawing sport in Calgary.

Calgary—Young Ernie Kemick, making his 23rd start as a professional, scored an easy 10-round decision over Portland's Joey Ortega before a crowd of 2000 persons. Kemick was in front all the way.

Buddy Rimmer, formerly of England, gained a draw with Stan James, Edmonton, in the six-round middleweight semi-final. It was a good fight.

In other matches, Bob Trotchie, 118, decisioned Frankie Parker, 112; Johnny Salkeld, 123, scored over Ken McLaren, 125; Doug Cunningham, 135, defeated George Klements, 135; Murray Vinje, 135, whipped Hooker Hawkins, 134, and Gus Bruno drew with Eddie Poalizer.

Calgary's Jimmy Nolan, after three fights in England, figured in one of Western Canada's upsets of the year in early November when he lost a decision to Dick Wolfe, Portland, Oregon. Nolan, holder of the Western Canada welterweight championship, suffered a broken right hand in the second round—and never seemed right after that. A rematch between the pair is forthcoming.

If Canadian middleweight champion Roy Wouters has any desire to defend his title in the near future, he need look no further than Vancouver or Calgary. Jimmy Langston, Vancouver, would like nothing better than to fight Wouters, as would youthful Doug Harper of Calgary. In fact, a Wouters-Harper match would prove a major attraction for Calgary's boxing public.

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NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By Bill Davee

NEWS of the death of Dick Griffin, long prominent in boxing in Texas, both as a fighter and promoter, came as a shock to fans of this sector "Dandy" Dick was found dead, apparently from a heart attack, in the home of his sister at Ft Worth. A top ranking bantamweight of 30 years ago, Dick, although blind for many years, has been a promoter since his retirement from the ring, operating in Ft. Worth, Dallas and El Paso. Griffin and his dog, "Gilda," will be sorely missed by fans and members of the fistic fraternity alike.

Another bit of shocking news was the closing of Hugh Benbow's fabulous half-million dollar Olympiad at Houston.

Texas fans are high on the chances of Bobby Dykes, popular San Antonio welterweight, winning the welter title, and were particularly proud of Bobby's fine showing against Sugar Ray Robinson at Chicago. Dykes made a hometown showing shortly after the Robinson fight, flattening Jose Rocha in three heats. A disappointing crowd of Alamo City fans turned out, no doubt figuring Rocha would furnish little opposition.

Best looking prospect around is Rudy DeHoyos, Houston-Piedras Negras featherweight, who ran his string to 20 in 21 fights by knocking out Charlie Flint in the semi-final to the Dypek-Rocha go. . . . A great prospect and one of the greatest natural punchers it has been our pleasure to watch is Al Juergens, San Antonio lightweight, who recently turned pro. . . . Local fans are happy to hear Lauro Salas is back in action and will show in Texas soon. . . . A result we missed last month was Boyd Smith topping Julio Serna at Corpus Christi.

Here are the latest Texas results:

At San Antonio—Brantley Reese, 122, and Ovillardo Jaramillo, 120, drew in four; Manuel Garcia, 112, T.K.O.'ed William Gavin, 113, two; Johnny Olvera, 118, decisioned Tony Maiorana, 118, four; Fidel Hernandez, 129, decisioned Billy Hodge, 131, five; Jackie Blair, 127, decisioned Valentino Luna, 129, ten.

At Galveston—Lorenzo Garcia, 125, kayoed Troy Cook, 118, one; Rocky Romair, 124, kayoed Alex Vega, 126, two; Francisco Ortiz, 161, kayoed Paul Wagner, 161, one; George Easterling, 138, decisioned Roger Trevino, 140, six; Alex Vargas, 139, decisioned Alex Cedillo, 145, eight.

At Waco—Bill Patrick, 146, decisioned Johnny Murphy, 158, six; Hubert Johnson, 151, T.K.O.'ed Sammy Beal, 162, two; William Branch, 177, kayoed Chester Martin, 195, two; Warren Lacy, 147, kayoed Vernice Wilburn, 144, one; Abel Soriano, 126, T.K.O.'ed Jimmy Fuller, 132, two.

At San Antonio—Manuel Garcia, 112, decisioned Ceferino Salais, 111, four; Clyde Mayberry, 132, decisioned Ray Sanchez, 131, four; Alex Juergens, 137, kayoed Tommy Varela, 136, two; Johnny Olvera, 119, and Andy Zamarippa, 121, drew in five; Pete Gil, 162, decisioned Boyd Smith, 156, six (10-round bout).

At El Paso—Aurelio Sandate, 119½, decisioned Manuel Garcia, 122, four; Gilberto Muniz, 131½, decisioned Juan Baltazar, 132, four; Ramon Sosa, 119½, decisioned Enrique Morales, 120, four; Ramon Perez, 139, and Jesus Robles, 141, drew in six; Bert Lytell, 174½, and Billy Smith, 172, ten rounds—no contest.

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CONTINENTAL CLOSE-UP

By CHARLIE PARISH

IN accordance with his usual custom, THE RING editor, Nat Fleischer, presents in this issue his annual classification of the world's boxers, an event which has considerable bearing on the futures of fistic campaigners. Due to the great progress made by Continental fighters during the past year, and the interest which has been shown by readers in these battlers, we hope to give here a fair picture of what has been achieved by Continentals during 1950, and how they compare at the year's end. Three Frenchmen fought for mondial honours in 1950, Villemain, Dauthuille, and Ray Famechon, all unsuccessfully, but nevertheless acquitted themselves well, whilst an Italian, Tiberio Mitri, was likewise defeated in his quest for world mastery. Many other Continentals crossed gloves with world champions, such as the middles Van Dam, Stock, Stretz, Walzach, and bantamweight Alvaro Nuvoloni. Germany has moved into the spotlight during the past year with great performances by ten Hoff, Rux, Hoepner, and Mueller, not to mention the gallant stand of Hans Stretz against Sugar Ray Robinson. Robinson, incidentally, gets our vote as the most complete fighting machine seen in Europe last year. Best prospects for 1951, based on last year's performances, are—Heavy, Heinz Neuhaus; Cruiser, Conny Rux; Middle, Jean-Jacques Invernizzi; Welter, Charles Humetz; Lightweight, Diulio Loi; Feather, Dante Venturi; Bantam, Emile Chemama; Flyweight, Jean Sneyers.

To commence the summing-up of the year's best, we note with surprise that the heavyweight division is not so badly off for talent as we had supposed, this mainly due to the admission of German battlers to international competition. Hein ten Hoff takes our vote as leader of the heavy men, the only man to mix with such talent as Jersey Joe Walcott, and extend the American. Ten Hoff was unfortunate that his first foreign opponent should be a man of Walcott's calibre, but the German has no time to lose if he is to be considered as a contender for world honours. Jo Weidin and Steve Olek share a bracket below ten Hoff, both men having retained their high rating by disposing of mediocrities and having fought close bouts with each other. Both Weidin and Olek have seen their best days, though either man can prove an awkward opponent for any of the younger crop just making the grade. Two Germans share the next slot, Heinz Neuhaus and Wilson Kohlbrecher, both colourful, two-fisted hitters, who have made their mark against international opposition. Neuhaus has made tremendous strides during 1950, culminating in his great bout with ten Hoff, where the Dortmund scrapper gained a slight edge over the German champion. Kohlbrecher was stopped by ten Hoff in two rounds, but came back to whip Hoosman, draw with Schiegl, and flatten Emile Bentz in one round. His return bout with Gene Jones ended with both men out of the ring, which was declared "No Contest." Gino Buonvino, Kurt Schiegl, Heinz Seelisch, and Werner Wiegand come next; Seelisch is a very dour battler who went the limit with Gene Jones, but lost to Neuhaus. Wiegand is a veritable giant, standing six and a half feet, and has been carefully nursed along. He has yet to meet a dangerous opponent, whilst Buonvino and Schiegl find it hard to get matches. The remaining big men in Europe, Wilde, Bentz, Riva, Bueno, Sundin, and the rest, are very mediocre. Best prospect at the year's end appeared to be young Raymond Degl 'Innocenti, of France. In passing, readers should note that Carl Nielsen, Nisse Andersson, and Oiva Purho have all retired during 1950.

Germans likewise dominate the cruisers, with the now well-known Conny Rux at the head. Rux turned in some first-rate wins among cruisers, but found the going too hard when he ventured among heavyweights, which resulted in his defeat by Gene Jones. Since then, Rux has concentrated on Continentals for the most part, but his quick win over Lloyd Marshall gained him considerable publicity abroad. Another conqueror of Marshall, Willi Hoepner, the Hamburg southpaw, rates close behind Rux, together with Hans Sachs (the new champion), Richard Vogt and Gerhard Hecht, all redoubtable hitters, who have done well against foreign opposition. Hans Strelecki, something of an in-and-out-battler, managed to draw with Marshall and whipped Don Lee. Albert Yvel, the Algerian who holds the European title, is the logical opponent for Rux or Hoepner, as he has defeated most of the remaining Continentals. Tontini, Jackie Marr, Giovanni Martin, Hairbedian, and Sierra have all gone under his guns during 1950, proving that Yvel is a worthy champion, though he must defeat Don Cockell and Rux to establish his superiority. Outside of the leading Germans and Yvel, Hairbedian and perhaps the Dutchman, Willy Schagen, the remaining Continental cruisers have little to offer. Elandon, Vic D'Haes, Pancani, Gunnar Nilsson, Erik Jensen, and the Swiss, Schwarzmann, are the best of a relatively poor field.

It is first among the middleweights we find the real talent of French and Italian rings, though some of the leaders here are beginning to show signs of wear and tear. The all-conquering progress made by Sugar Ray Robinson flung the limitations of many top-ranking middles into high relief, and it is now apparent that new fighters of quality are needed in this division. Laurent Dauthuille, apparently washed-up a couple of years ago, has fought excellently since his migration to Canadian and American rings, and it is the handsome Laurent who gets our nod as the year's best middleweight on the Continent. France's second-best, Robert Villemain, suffered a rude shock against Ray Robinson in December, after having previously gone the limit with the Detroit Destroyer for the Pennsylvanian version of the world title. Villemain gets the second place still, but it seems likely that he will campaign as a cruiser during 1951. The next group includes Luc Van Dam, Jean Walzach, Jean Stock, Claude Ritter, Mitri, Kid Marcel, Cyrille Delannoit, and Jannilli. Despite the fact that it is necessary to give these battlers due precedence one over the other in our monthly ratings, a study of the form-book will convince the reader of their equality generally speaking. Mitri is the mystery man of this group; he is fighting completely off form, and recently was knocked out by Mario Minatelli in an exhibition bout. Van Dam, Walzach, Delannoit, Stock, and Kid Marcel, have seen many years action in ring-warfare, and retain their high rating by reason of their experience more than by any devil in their punching. Foxy as he is, Kid Marcel was rather fortunate to retain his French title against Claude Ritter, who may yet make his mark among the top-notchers if he can develop a finishing punch. Any of the above group are capable of holding their own with British or Transatlantic fighters, save men of the Robinson or LaMotta stamp. Walzach's feat of lasting the distance with Sugar Ray twice in the same year should not be forgotten, although the rugged Janek has been defeated by Humetz and Jean Stock since his return from the States.

Top-liners by national standards are the next group of fighters: Jan De Bruin, Peter Mueller, Hans Stretz, Royer-Crecy, Gilbert Stock, and Carl Schmidt. Jacques Royer-Crecy was a disappointment to his numerous supporters, as he has made but small progress during the year. He captured the French title from Jean Stock, but lost it to Kid Marcel, his first challenger. The blond blacksmith is still only 22 and may yet develop into a top-class battler. Stretz and Mueller are two men with paralytic punches, and Carl Schmidt is more of the "clever" boxer, who nevertheless carries a heavy right. Gilbert Stock does not possess the soaking-up talents of his brother Jean, but is nevertheless a rugged individual who has shown great improvement in his boxing lately. Jan De Bruin has put on weight since the war, and came into the spotlight by his win over Ritter; he has been stopped by Gilbert Stock, but has defeated a row of other Frenchmen He was the first man to put Dave Sands on the canvas. There is a host of other good middleweights on the Continent, many of whom have passed their peak or already attained it, such as Jean Wanes, Manca, Milandri, Soldevilla, Krawczyk, Caboche, Besselmann, and so on. All these men are capable of mixing with the leaders but have little chances of victory; they provide excellent trial-horses for the newer crop of youngsters. Among the latter category are the Italians, Minatelli and Fontana, the Frenchmen, Vallet, Invernizzi, and Tino Albanese, an Italian domiciled in France.

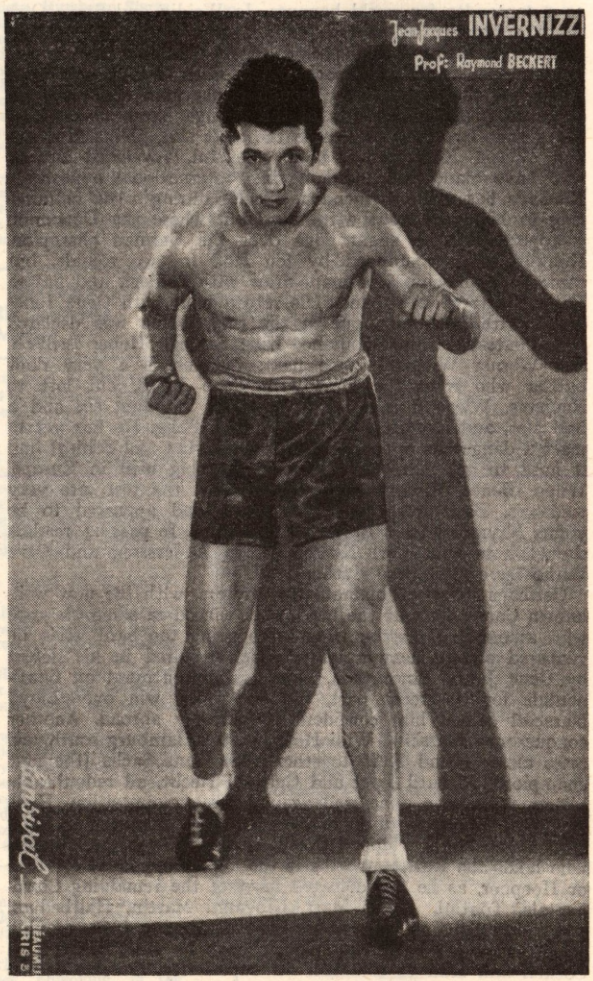
France and Belgium have long been the producers of the Continent's best welters, and to-day this still holds good. Although the European title is held by the aged Italian, Michele Palermo, it is Charles Humetz, of France, who leads the field by a considerable margin. Humetz is an extremely active boxer, who contested over 20 bouts in 1949 and has scored many decisive victories in 1950. He captured the French crown from Omar Kouidri early in the year and successfully defended it against the hardy Pierre Langlois before losing the title to Emmanuel Clavel by a disqualification. With his eye on European and world honours, Humetz settled down to a regular campaign, and has since beaten Gilbert Stock and Jean Walzach, stopped Jeff Tite, Gwyn Williams, Henri Hecquard, and Odon, among others. A destructive puncher, the Frenchman can also assimilate punishment when there is no other course; his prospects for 1951 are very bright.

Algerian welter veteran Omar le Noir, who turned in many great performances during the year.

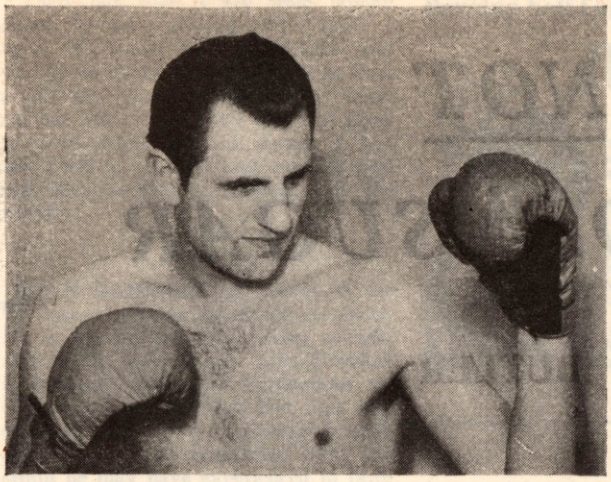
Humetz's chief rivals in France are Gilbert Lavoine, the current champion, and Pierre Langlois. Lavoine is a powerful chunk of man, a robust puncher who ran up an inspiring string of kayo wins before taking the title from Clavel. Usually a quick winner, Lavoine surprised the experts by outpointing such a capable technical boxer as Marostegan. Pierre Langlois, from Normandy, has never possessed a title, but has shown great improvement since his campaign in Australia, having defeated Jackie Braddock, Omar le Noir, Clavel, Gilbert Stock, Baour, and Delmine during the year. His two defeats were by Humetz and Benedetto. These three men, Humetz, Langlois, and Lavoine, lead the Continent on their 1950 form, and must find their destiny by eliminating each other before going on to challenge their American opposite numbers. Livio Minelli and Palermo rate behind the Frenchmen, but little can be said regarding their present form. Minelli has campaigned for the most part in America, whilst Palermo enters a ring all too rarely. The latter is considered a sure victim for the first challenger who comes along, but the old Kid has two decades of ring experience at his call and will give a good account of himself. Omar le Noir, Reypens, Delmine, Marostegan, Hecquard, and Jean Mougin, follow closely in the steps of the leaders. Roger Baour has had some difficulty in acclimatising himself to the welter division, but should soon affirm his superiority over the majority of his colleagues. Antonio Monzon, the Spanish champion, is something of an unknown quantity, but he has turned in some quick results during the year, as has Gino Campagna, the hard-hitting Italian youngster. Titi Clavel continues to be a hard nut to crack, as witness his bouts with Eddie Thomas and Braddock, but he has lost the zip with which he demoralized his opponents some two years ago. A solid rearguard of able performers is provided by the Dutch trio, Giel De Roode, Job Roos, and Harry Bos, and the Italians Facchi, Valentini, and Aldo Minelli. Promise is shown by the Frenchmen Louis Klein, Pierre Hernandez, Guy Toupé, and Marquebielle, by Chris Christensen of Denmark, Gustav Scholz of Germany, and the Belgian, Frank Etienne, son of the old-timer Jack Etienne. Valere Benedetto, the Marseilles puncher, is an erratic showman who comes through with the occasional upset.

Since the retirement of Proietti, there has been no real lightweight leader in Europe, although Montané and Billy Thompson were selected to meet for the vacant title. As far as the Continent is concerned, Pierre Montané gets the leader's post by a very narrow margin, but his bouts with Sadok Bahri and Auguste Caulet demonstrated the French champion's limitations. Joseph Preys of Belgium is the eternal challenger, but despite several attacks on the title he has never yet succeeded in capturing the European crown. Emile Dicristo, Proietti, and Billy Thompson have all repulsed his attacks on the title since 1946, but the Belgium is an outstanding fighter who possesses exceptional defensive ability but lacks aggressiveness. In November he was held to a draw by the young French star, Gustave Perrot, at Ghent; Perrot is an outstanding prospect in this division, who has trimmed some of the best in Europe during the past year. He has campaigned mostly in Belgium, but had three bouts in Turkey. His sole defeat has been at the hands of Jorgen Johansen, the Fighting Dane, who has likewise battled his way to the front in 1950. Wins over Hoacine Khalfi, Ben Miloud, Vissers, and Elis Ask have established Johansen as No. 1 lightweight in Northern Europe. Abdelkader ben Miloud, Auguste Caulet, Sadok Bahri, and Jacques Dehaye are four French fighters who are bunched close behind the leaders, with Diulio Loi (Italy) and Elis Ask (Finland) on a par with them. Following the latter group come Edgard Delannoit and Jos Vissers of Belgium, Jacques Prigent, Hoacine Khalfi of France, Svend Wad, the Dane, Luigi Male, Uboldi and Fusaro of Italy, the Spanish champion Bartolome Marti, and possibly the two Germans, Hans Haefner and Ludwig Petri, who have made good progress since their South American trip in 1949.

Ray Famechon stands head and shoulders above the rest of the Continent's featherweights to such an extent that he has been obliged to fight with lightweights in order to keep in action. This Frenchman is a first-class battler who merits better fortune in his present American tour than he enjoyed last March, when he was outclassed by Willie Pep. The rest of the field on the Continent will not cause the champion much loss of sleep, the outstanding challengers being the



Jean-Jacques Invernizzi, French middleweight prospect, rates high among newcomers despite defeat by Bobby Dawson.



German champion Hein ten Hoff still leads on the Continent.

French champion, Francis Bonnardel, and the Italian puncher, Alvaro Cerasan: Cerasani was stopped by Famechon two years ago, but past performances and book form do not mean much to this redoubtable hitter. Formenti, Bonnardel, Swoboda, and Henriot have all been rocked to sleep by Cerasani during 1950, but Marcel Lesage dropped the Italian for the count last January. Bonnardel likewise goes from strength to strength, despite the Cerasani setback, and has stopped Machterlinck, Archambaud, and Lesage, beat Venturi, Kid Tanner, and Bellatreche, and drew with De Santiago in Madrid. Thus the Frenchman gets a slight edge over his Italian conqueror by his superior average. De Santiago has made but one appearance since his crushing defeat by Ray Famechon last summer, and has been reported to be considering retirement. Massa Sanna, of Italy, has run up a good record in the States, but has not fought in Europe for nearly two years. The remaining feathers have not shown very great promise during 1950, and they may be considered of good national class but not international attractions. They are headed by Jean Machterlinck, who made something of a comeback with two wins over the Dane, Asger Warburg, Ernesto Formenti, Guido Ferracin, Molinaro, and Dante Venturi of Italy, Marcel Gallon and Jean Archambaud of France, and Walter Demke of Germany round off a division strangely lacking in promising youngsters. The sole exception may be Jacques Bataille, the French ex-amateur star.

By contrast to the feathers, the bantam division is fairly bursting with talent. A couple of years ago Luis Romero was the outstanding fighter in his division, with not a man to touch him, but the Spaniard's prospects for 1951 are not so brilliant unless he can recapture his old verve and confidence. He entered the ring a sick man against Roy Ankarah, and was stopped by the African for his pains; since that reverse and his failure to get a shot at the world title, his grip on the European crown has been somewhat shaky. In November he was outpointed by Georges Mousse in Paris. Edging close to the champion are Hadi Tijani, Chemama, Sandeyron, and Analoro, all first-class campaigners. Tijani continues to box well but is not able to contend for a French title, thus much of the limelight has been stolen by young Emile Chemama, who captured the French crown from Marcel Mathieu recently. Sandeyron has made a splendid return to top-line competition by beating Medina, Conforti, and Analoro, whilst Analoro likewise impressed by stopping Bobby Boland and drawing with Skena and Mousse. Georges Mousse is enjoying a return to form similar to Sandeyron's, and showed class in whipping Romero in November. He had earlier been defeated by Tijani, Bellatreche, and Formenti, the last two when he was still competing as a feather. Marcel Mathieu continues to give of his best, but lost to Romero after a tremendous battle, and was later stopped by Chemama. The latter is the latest discovery, undefeated as yet and conqueror of Medina, Pratesi, Mathieu, and Paoletti, though he did not once appear in Parisian rings during 1950. Apart from the champion, all the leading bantams are Frenchmen or French colonials, since Analoro has applied for French papers. Close to the French bloc, then, are the leading Italians, Falcinelli, Nuvoloni, and Zuddas. The latter is still undefeated, but his only wins against good opposition were at the expense of Falcinelli, Cardinale, and Etter; he has yet to tangle with top-notchers. On a par with these Italians are several more French battlers, namely Theo Medina, Conforti, Bohbot, and Mustaphaoui, of whom Conforti and Bohbot are on the way up; the evergreen Swiss, Etter, and Rubio, a Spaniard who drew with Chemama. Good performances against lesser opposition have been achieved by Dante Bini, Roland Gibert, and Kid Andre, of France, Kid Arcelli and Cardinale of Italy, and Seitola, the Finn.

Due to most flyweights eventually increasing their poundage, this is one of the poorest divisions, and it is only the European champion, Sneyers, together with Skena and Pratesi, who campaign on equal terms with the leading British stars. Sneyers is a brilliant boxer with a devastating punch, who rates a shot at the world title, whilst Skena regularly mixes with leading bantams quite successfully. Skena won the French crown from Honore Pratesi during the year and has more or less fought himself out of opponents among flyweights. Pratesi has suffered a reversal of form lately and no longer rates as a danger for the leaders in Europe.

There, then, are the leading Continentals, as seen at the year's end. It is interesting to note the progress made by these Western European countries since the end of the war, for to-day great interest is being shown by American experts in the careers of these Continentals. The emergence of French, Italian, Spanish, and North European stars led to The Ring editor, Nat Fleischer, making his exhaustive journey round the European fight capitals last summer and reporting the findings of his trip to American readers. The slump in American boxing has led to many U.S. fighters making their bow in Continental rings, particularly is this true of coloured boxers, such s Bobby Dawson, Jimmy Swann, Lloyd Marshall, Gene Jones, Al Hoosman, George Amato, and Ray Lewis, among others. The advent of Ray Robinson caused lively interest over here in the middleweight division, whilst the admission of Germany into the general scheme has boosted the heavier divisions. For 1951 the outlook is extremely optimistic.

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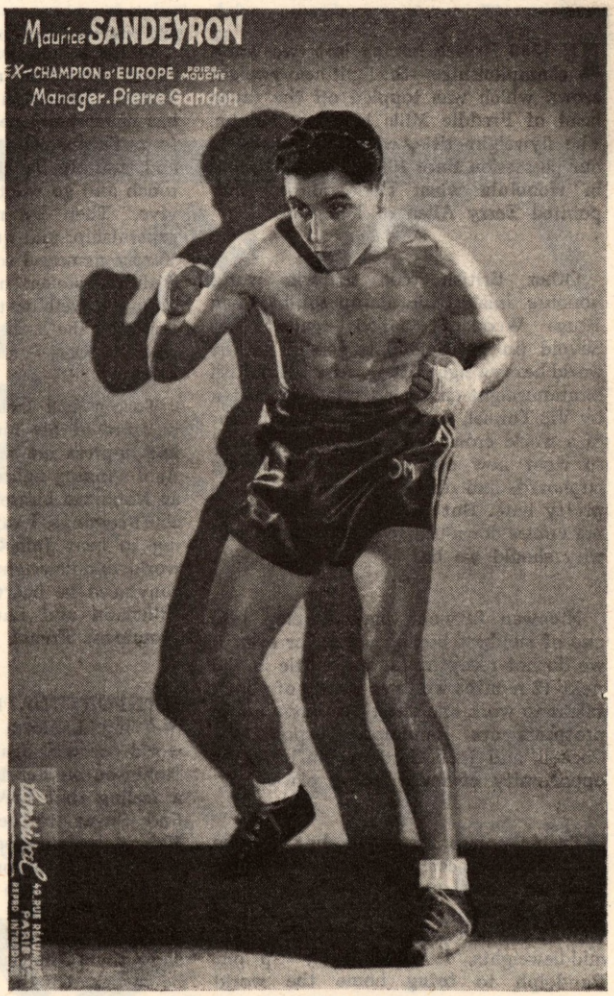

Maurice Sandeyron, who has shown convincing return to form during 1950.

TURPIN GOOD, BUT NOT READY FOR SUGAR

By JAMES BUTLER

1951 may be our brightest fight year—Lloyd Marshall still a hard man to beat—Don't match Turpin and Cockell—Johnny Williams disappoints and becomes fighting enigma—Will Sandy Saddler defend featherweight crown in Nottingham?—National Service may be making of Algar Smith.

IN 1950 British boxing lost two world championships—the light-heavyweight crown which was toppled off the raven head of Freddie Mills by Joey Maxim. The flyweight title, which had been in our possession since 1932, was left behind in Honolulu when Dado Marino outpointed Terry Allen of Islington.

Other British bids to win world honours finished like damp squibs when Bruce Woodcock failed against Lee Savold (in the Solomons version of the world heavyweight title). Also the British bantamweight champion was well beaten by Vic Toweel, South Africa's lone holder of a world crown, at Johannesburg. And so right now our international boxing cupboard, like old Mother Hubbard's, is pretty bare. But are we in British boxing circles down-hearted? Not likely, and why should we be?

Nineteen fifty-one may develop into one of our best boxing years, for even if we do not recapture a world title in the next 12 months we have plenty of young talent to work on. The three outstanding prospects are Randolph Turpin, Don Cockell, and Jack Gardner. All have the opportunity of really going places.

Turpin comes first, and, but for the fact there is a certain welterweight-cum-middleweight strutting the boxing horizon by the name of Sugar Ray Robinson, who at the end of 1950 blitzed Europe's middleweights, I would freely tip our Randolph to bring home the world middleweight crown.

In his last important fight against the clever American middleweight, Tommy Yarosz, Randolph did something that has never happened to the American before. Turpin sent him flat on his back, and, frankly, in that first round it was touch and go whether Yarosz would survive. Then by means of clever ring generalship, and quite a spot of holding, Yarosz managed to match his experience with the violent hitting of Turpin, and, although well beaten, was succeeding in tieing up the British champion somewhat when he was disqualified for holding.

Turpin still lacks experience, because in spite of his hitting powers, he does not impress me when things get tough. As a winning fighter he is as devastating as Robinson himself. But, in spite of his short-comings, I would rely on his punching to beat Jake LaMotta, the present world middleweight champion. I am also convinced he has the beating of Robert Villemain and Laurent Dauthuille, the prominent French middleweights.

UNFORTUNATELY for British boxing, LaMotta is due to defend his world crown against the remarkable Robinson on February 14th, and I have a feeling that LaMotta is not going to find Sugar to be a sociable sort of Valentine. Jake does, of course, have one claim. He is the only professional boxer breathing to have taken a decision off Robinson. Against this, Ray has thumped out four victories over LaMotta just to show there's no hard feeling, and I shall be surprised if the great coloured fighter doesn't go nap on LaMotta this month.

If form runs true, my advice to Randolph Turpin is to forget about world honours for some time, because if he goes in with Robinson he is going to take a beating. Randolph can afford to wait. Time is on his side. He is only 22, whereas Robinson is approaching 30, and will be retiring in luxury in a year—or two at the most. Then is the time for Randy to move in and start bossing the world's best middleweights.

Should LaMotta bring off the unexpected and beat Sugar, and I can only see this coming off if Robinson has been having too good a time in Europe, I would then like to see Turpin matched with LaMotta for the title.

Don Cockell does not punch as hard as Turpin, but is a good boxer who can hurt with a left hook. I am not suggesting Don is good enough to beat Joey Maxim, because I consider Maxim one of the smartest light-heavyweight champions of all time. But Cockell is good enough to bowl over the best light-heavyweight talent in Europe, and I think he will again beat the coloured veteran Lloyd Marshall when they meet at Harringay on February 27th.

Admittedly, Marshall was pulling back lost points when disqualified for a low punch last November, but Lloyd is an old-timer—at least 36—who still remains one of the cleverest light-heavyweights in the world, as he showed when easily outpointing Tommy Farr. So if Marshall gives Cockell another close fight don't dismiss the performance as mediocre. Only a handful of light-heavyweights could beat Marshall.

There has been a cry from boxing circles to match Cockell with Turpin. I agree this would be a great fight, and the lighter champion would have at least a fifty-fifty chance of victory, but I am against this match. Why kill two great prospects when both can march in harmony taking on the best middles and light-heavyweights in Europe and the world?

JACK GARDNER, of course, is the boy everybody hopes will go places. He is big enough and strong enough, and, so far, his manager, John Simpson, is handling him with tremendous restraint and skill. He has had best part of three months in the sunshine of South Africa this winter recovering from any strain he may have experienced in beating Woodcock.

He will be in action again at Earls Court on March 27th, gaining experience against fair opposition. Simpson is determined that Gardner will not be rushed in with opponents as tough and as experienced as Tami Mauriello and Joe Baksi—I still maintain that Woodcock was a prospect in 1946, but was not ready for the likes of Mauriello—or for Baksi in 1947. Bruce should have been given second-rate fights in America so that he could have equipped himself to take on better opposition.

There can be fewer disappointing heavyweights than Johnny Williams, the Rugby youngster. After the beating by Gardner, we thought he was finished, but he came back to look the real goods against a young American novice George Kaplan, brought to London by Jimmy Grippo, the magical fight manager

Grippo, an expert in hypnosis, didn't have any good influence on his fighter, who was an easy target for Johnny's fine straight left. However, we must have thought Kaplan was better than he is just because he is an American. This was proved by Williams' poor showing against another Yankee heavyweight Big Bill Weinberg.

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Williams had nothing to beat, but he made hard work of his job from the start, and after taking one knock-down retired injured. Williams will have to do something really startling to get back on top again. What a pity he was allowed to go in with Pat Comiskey, the huge American, last summer. That's from where I trace Johnny's first slip.

THERE has been a great deal of talk about Sandy Saddler, the world featherweight champion, coming to Nottingham to defend his world crown. Frankly, I shall be astonished if Saddler and his likeable manager Charlie Johnston will make the journey to the Midlands. Charlie, in spite of his friendly ways, is a good businessman, and I doubt if Nottingham can equal the bidding of London and New York.

Britain has lost the services of Algar Smith, the 18-year-old Stoke Newington lightweight, who is the nearest thing in the ring to Eric Boon. Young Algar is doing his term of national service, and boxing must come second. The discipline of the services may be a good thing for all young fighters.

Smith is a terrific puncher, but in the ring he takes too many chances, and his defence needs improving. The training he is getting now may bring him out a ready-made champion.

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FROM BUENOS AIRES
By Alfredo Porzio

AT the suburban locality called San Fernando, Alberto Aguirre, 162, stopped the Chilean Buccioni, 164, in the second round. The referee stopped the fight so as to avoid useless punishment to the loser.

At the Luna Park Stadium, Santiago Gandini, 179, K.O.'ed Francisco Negroni, 175, in the tenth round; in the other stellar fight the Belgian champ, Charles Sys, 189 (ex-European champion), beat A. Francia, 185, on points in a slow and uninteresting bout.

At Luna Park Stadium—Oscar Flores, 140, beat Alfredo Prada, 137½, in twelve rounds. However, the judges declared a draw decision that was loudly protested by the public. Prada was not in the best of condition, somewhat overweight. In the semi-final Martin Antunez, 148½, forced F. Rodriguez, 146, to quit in the second round. Gate about $11,000.

At Luna Park Stadium—Before a large house, Humberto Loayza, 149, Chilean champ and nephew of the great Tani Loayza, who earned a sound reputation some 25 years ago in the States, forced Dante Nolasco, 149, to quit in the eleventh round after a most gruelling fight during which both fighters were on the verge of being knocked out. Nolasco was unbeaten until this fight, after 25 hard matches. Gate about $3,500.

At Luna Park Stadium—An enormous crowd came to see the big fight between Cloroform Senatore, 162, and Pedro Cobas, 161. During the first three rounds Cobas landed the better blows. However, Senatore, whose physical condition was excellent, took them without showing the effects and got in some good lefts which were most bothersome to Cobas. From the fourth round on Senatore began dominating with good hard blows to the chin and mixing with some blows around the belt. In the seventh round Cobas recovered and took the offensive, winning this round. At the beginning of the eighth round Senatore landed a terrific wallop on Cobas' chin, Cobas went to the ground, his head hitting hard against the floor. He tried his best to get up but it was useless. Gate $8,200.

At Luna Park—In the first of two finals Hugo Villa, who is coming along very nicely with a series of interesting wins, knocked out Anibal Di Santi in the second round. Villa weighed 135 pounds and Di Santi 139. Villa's speed in the infighting completely overwhelmed his rival, who certainly must have felt that he might have done better by staying at home. In the second final Enrique Jover, 163, K.O.'ed Osvaldo Rizzo, 161. In the first round both fighters delivered some terrific blows, winding up more or less even. In the second and last round Jover connected a violent right to the chin and while his rival was falling another terrific right put Rizzo away for the full count. In the preliminaries, P. Brizuela, 134, beat K.O. Martinez on points and in the other preliminary Adalberto Ochoa, 144, and ex-Latin American welterweight champ (amateur), beat F. Navarro, 138, on points.

At Luna Park—After about two years' absence, Guillermo Gimenez returned to Luna Park, meeting Angel Olivieri. A vast crowd was present, anxious to see whether Gimenez had progressed or not since his stay in the United States. Gimenez weighed 139 pounds and Olivieri 135. The general opinion was that Gimenez not only had not progressed but had gone way back. He evidently forgot what he had learned, his blows had little or no effect upon his rival, while on the other hand his resistance was far below what it had been a few years ago. After eight rounds of not overinteresting fighting, Gimenez was ruled out by the medico due to a wound over his eye.

At Luna Park—Hugo Villa, 135, knocked out Pedro Geric, 136, in the ninth round. In the semi-final M. Perez, 138, won by K.O. over Jose Disanti, 138.

At Luna Park—An extraordinary crowd came to see the big fight between Rafael Merentino, 162, the coming middleweight fighter, and the veteran Mario Diaz, 163. Some $30,000 was collected. Diaz, a marvel at footwork and with a full knowledge of the secrets of boxing, did all that could be expected of him, but in the tenth round succumbed to the devastating work of Merentino, who little by little brought about the tragic end of Mario Diaz. Diaz unfortunately did little harm by his blows and while hard to hit and disconcerting, was forced to a maximum of effort in order to avoid the terrible blows of his rival. This taxed Diaz' efforts to a maximum and it was easily seen that the end would not be over-delayed. Merentino made no great effort to bring the battle to an early end, he fought most intelligently in the offensive with short blows to the head and body, although he made quite a lot of misses due to Diaz' speed. However, little by little Diaz was slowing up and quite exhausted. In the fifth and seventh rounds Diaz went to the floor but was up before the referee began counting. In the ninth round Merentino made a strong attack on the belt line which Diaz felt severely, going to his corner quite exhausted. In the tenth and final round Merentino rushed matters, a heavy blow to the kidneys followed by a fast blow to the chin and curtains for Mario Diaz. This was the second knockout which Diaz has suffered in his long boxing career—some 15 years. A wonderful triumph for Merentino and the general opinion is that this boy, now only 21, will be able to do things in the United States. Very few, if any, rivals remain here for Merentino.

At Luna Park—Cloroform Senatore knocked out Humberto Loayza in the tenth round. Senatore forced the fight right from the beginning, while Loayza counter-punched. In the fifth round a hard left by Loayza sent Senatore to the ropes. Loayza failed to follow up the blow, evidently not having the necessary stamina. In the seventh, eighth and ninth rounds Senatore forced the fight and gave Loayza a terrible beating around the body. Loayza, completely exhausted, in the ninth round went to his knees for the count of nine. At the beginning of the tenth round Loayza's seconds threw in the sponge as it was useless to let their pupil continue.

IN BRITISH GUIANA
By Stan Santos

AGAIN local fistic fans showed disapproval of the functioning of Professional Boxing in this colony, when at the Olympic Stadium the near capacity house booed and cat-called throughout the entire night's card.

The main bout of ten rounds between the seasoned professional John Kennedy, 154½, and Al Ferdinand, 164, appearing in his first pro-bout, ended dramatically inside 60 seconds of the opening round in Ferdinand's favor.

Kennedy was wild with a terrific assault on his heavier but less experienced foe, who soon after put his aggressor on the canvas for the ten count from a straight right. These boys were billed as an elimination bout for the vacant middleweight crown, but one saw Ferdinand coming in as a light-heavyweight. This is one of the short-comings of the local Boxing Board, allowing too many uneven matches.

The hard-hitting Calvin Garraway, 144, made short work of Young Joe Baksi, 133, who failed to answer the bell for the fourth session of a scheduled eight rounder.

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FROM RIO DE JANEIRO
By Antonio Carrico

HERE are the boxing results for the month of October:

Antonio Carrico, Brazilian heavyweight champion, 180, stopped Walter Selo, 190, of Paraguay, in the eighth round of a ten-round main bout.

Carrico also beat Artur Seabra of Argentina in six rounds on a second card.

Osvaldo Silva, 160, Brazil, beat Guilherme Martins, 157, of Portugal, in ten.

In four- and six-round bouts: Luiz Carlos beat Nei Rodrigues, Milton Santos beat Waldemar Santos, Antonio Brandao beat Gabriel Amorim, George Eloi beat Manuel Nasmento in the second, Geraldo Gomes and Altamiro Arauto drew, Francisco Assis beat Rubens Augusto.

DURBAN, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA
By Leonard Neill

DURBAN'S fistic extravaganza went off without any major hitch when world bantamweight champion Vic Toweel, 122½, thoroughly lambasted Irish champion, Eddie "Bunty" Doran, 126½, to score a ninth round victory, the referee stopping the fight which had become gruesomely one-sided.

The little Irishman showed that he lacked nothing in gameness and he just kept coming back for more, but it was to no avail for afterwards he was an unpleasant sight to behold.

Terrific welterweight prospect Peter Galleymore, 140½, scored a facile points victory over Johnny McCoy, 144½, in a six-rounder, and would have scored a KO but for the fact that he couldn't set himself on the rain-soaked canvas. Mark this boy Galleymore as one for the notebook—a future Empire champion.

Jimmy Toweel, 136½, outpointed Harry Walker, 137½, over six rounds, whilst flyweight Marcus Temple, 114, was below his best form in scoring a points win over Jan van Zyl, 115¾, four rounds. Heavyweight hope Jacobus Jansen, 192, KO'ed Martin Martens, 210, in the first whilst Jack Twyeford, 151, did the same to George Salvo, 144¾. Dynamic punching veteran Ginger Jonker, 136½, stretched out Jack van der Merwe, 137½, in the first with one of the most crushing punches this writer has ever seen.

A special pat on the back to Maurice Smith for his splendid organization of this affair.

Alby Tissong, 124, non-European featherweight champion, KO'ed bantam king Young Veeran, 120¾, in the ninth, defending his crown in the Durban City Hall on a Nat Moodley promotion.

It was typically Tissong, missing badly when overeager to land his best punch, a right hook or swing, and using his bull-like strength to advantage, whilst Veeran as usual held as tight as a well-strung wicker basket. The final punch, a right hook, carried murder behind it.

Leslie McKenzie, 145¼, gave experienced Young Hussan, 147, a thorough lacing to get the six round verdict. Peter Devereux, 120, outpointed Sheik Osman, 119½, over six. Lesaane Lithebe whipped Kid Coco in a welterweight six, whilst Lingum Pillay gained a close decision over Willie Govender in a flyweight bout.

The highlight of the Blackfriars City Hall bill was the manner in which Peter Galleymore, 142¼, gave away weight and six inches in height to unbeaten Martin Johns, 146, and showed the big guy how to keep warm at his lofty altitude. Galleymore kept dropping his rangy opponent and finally saw the towel fly into the ring in round four. Young Peter is still unbeaten and his all-action style is a pleasure to watch.

Evergreen Ginger Jonker, 138½, handed a shellacking to Harry Walker, 143, to score a fourth round KO, while Marcus Temple returned to better form in outpointing Herby Andre, 114¾, over six rounds.

The heavyweight hopes of Jacobus Jansen, 193, ended with the Durban big fellow head first in the resin as "out" was called over in the second against Fanie van Vuuren, 185¼. John L. Botha, 187¼, drew with Johnny Risko, 182¼, in a four round "love somebody" clutching affair. Johnny McCoy, 146¾, beat Jack Twyford, 151¼, in the first.

South Africa's fighter of 1950 is obviously Vic Toweel. The prospect of the year is welter Peter Galleymore.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

BERLIN—Indoor shows are well under way now that the winter season is here, and at the Funkturm, Berlin, 7000 fight enthusiasts attended an international program on November 17. The feature was an eight-round light-heavy affair between Heirabedian, France, 78 kilo, and Dieter Hucks Berlin, 76.7 kilo. The verdict, a draw, came as a surprise to most and the large crowd showed their disapproval by whistling and shouting.

Both men were forced to take a count in round two.

In round five, Hucks received a left under the eye which caused a swelling and later another blow caused it to burst and bring blood. Hucks often landed left hooks to the Frenchman's head. In the final round Hucks held on and the crowd lost patience and began clapping and shouting.

Al Hoosman, U.S.A., 94.5, fought Heinz Titze, Berlin, 85 kilo. The German won on points in eight rounds.

It took the American three rounds to warm up and then he never seemed to land heavily. The American often telegraphed his punches and the German had little trouble in avoiding them. In the final two rounds the American was warned to keep the fighting clean.

Jackie Jakobsohn, Bremer, outpointed Fritz Gahmeister over six rounds. Heinz Gorczyza drew with Glaser. Gustav Scholz beat Heinz Sanger over six rounds.

Bremerhaven — On November 18, Germany's new welter sensation, Hans Szuzini, knocked out Georgi in five rounds. The winner stood up well against this good welter prospect.

Walkowiak (Bremen), drew with Lewandowski (Hamm).

Szymanski (Hamburg), drew with Streicher (Hamm).

Ratings for 1950 follow:

Heavyweights—*Hein ten Hoff, Heinz Neuhaus, Wilson Kohlbrechter, Richard Grupe, Heinz Seelisch, Adolf Kleinholdermann.

Light-heavyweights—Conny Rux, Willi Hoepner, Dieter Hucks, *Reidel Vogt, Heinz Sachs, Gerhard Hecht.

Middleweights—*Peter Muller, Karl Schmidt, Heinz Sanger, Rudi Pepper, Mathias Luyten, Joe Besselmann.

Welterweights—Hans Szuzina, Gustav Scholz, *Walter Schneider, Fredi Teichmann, Leo Starosch, Herbert Nurnberg.

Lightweights—*Hans Hafner, Heinz Sander, Werner Handtke, Ludwig Petri, Karl Glaser, Otto Domke.

Featherweights—*Walter Demke, Rudi Langer Ludwig Hess.

Bantamweights—*Hans Schomig, Willi Koch, Walter Schopp.

Flyweights—*George Tietzsch, Hans Schiffers, Viktor Liwowski.

* Boxers marked are champions.

NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

VISITING U.S. welterweight Charlie Williams has returned home. While here he was outpointed in a great contest by Freddie Dawson, knocked out Australia's second best welter, Harry Hayes, was outpointed by Australian welter champion Mickey Tollis in the best fight seen here in three years, and was knocked out in one round by Joe Brown, U.S. lightweight.

The last mentioned contest came as a great shock to the fans, who thought that, after lasting the distance with Dawson, Williams was tough enough to withstand a charge by an express train. But the blow which finished the fight—a right to the button—would have dropped any welterweight.

We read with great amusement that Carl Olson, who was recently K.O.'ed by Ray Robinson, stated to the press that he chased Dave Sands around the ring and should have been given the verdict. The fact is that Sands chased him all night. Dave knocked Olson down in the first round and several times later in the bout he had Olson going, but eased up in his attack.

Elley Bennett, our bantam king, suffered a surprising reverse at the hands of Mexican Ernesto Aguilar in October. Aguilar is a featherweight and Elley built up his own weight for the Mex. Bennett could not land his Sunday punch and was convincingly outpointed. They have been rematched.

With 1950 drawing towards its close, we compile our national ratings. Our greatest fighter is Dave Sands, triple Australian champion and British Empire middleweight title holder. No Aussie in the three top divisions could hope to give Dave more than a brief workout. During 1951, Dave should invade America and win the world's middleweight crown.

Jack Hassen, although beaten in his last three contests—by Babe Ortiz, Freddie Dawson and Joe Brown—stands head and shoulders over his challengers for Australia's lightweight honors by virtue of his terrific punch.

Elley Bennett is also on his own among our bantams. However, the welter, feather and flyweight divisions have plenty of talent where ability is evenly distributed.

We rate the two top divisions together. Dave Sands rules both and we have no really big boys.

Heavy and light-heavyweight: Dave Sands, champion. Rated boxers: Alf Gallagher, Jackie Marr, Ross Pippett, Reg Mack, Frank Farrington, Jack Dempsey.

Middleweight: Dave Sands, champion. Rated boxers: Len Dittmar, Jackie Daniels, Al Burke, Don Johnson, Ern Jarvis, Jack Smith, Alfie Sands, Neville Britt, Bob Poole.

Welterweight: Mickey Tollis, champion. Contender: Harry Hayes. Rated boxers: Norm Gent, Kevin Delaney, Ken Bailey, Johnny Kay, Frank Clarke, Andre Famechon, George Kapeen.

Lightweight: Jack Hassen, champion. Rated boxers: Frank Flannery, Alfie Clay, Mickey McDonald, George Barnes, Jackie Ryan, Dave Landers, Cliff Jones, Noel Coates, Brian Brady.

Featherweight: Bernie Grant, champion. Contenders: Elley Bennett, Ray Coleman. Rated boxers: Arthur McKillop, Johnny Wheeler, Bluey Wilkins, Mick Analzark, Norm Foster, Chris Noonan, Danny Hirsch.

Bantamweight: Elley Bennett, champion. Rated boxers: Keith Francis, Rod Parsons, Spencer Driver, Alfie Webster, Jimmy McFadden, Jimmy Carruthers, Eddie Marks, Johnny Gleeson, Ron Wilson.

Flyweights: Stumpy Butwell, champion. Contenders: Mickey Hill, Taffy Hancock, Kevin James. Rated boxers: Jimmy Laffin, Des Joyce, Jimmy Pike, Billy Roberts, Vince Blake, Mickey Roberts.

On November 13, Harry Hayes suffered his second reverse at the hands of visiting U.S. Negro Irvin Steen, who knocked Harry out in the fifth round. Steen revealed himself as a purposeful, deliberate and accurate puncher. Hayes was outclassed, but was not in top condition.

A young welterweight named Tony Biviano, with only nine fights behind him and just promoted to eight-rounders, impresses as a future Australian champion. You will be hearing more about this fellow.

Erstwhile playboy Ray Coleman, now No. 2 contender in the featherweight division, has set his cap at the national title and has become serious in his training. Result: He has won his last 12 fights, including the state title.

Results of fights during the last month were:

Sydney—12 rounds. Mickey Tollis, 147¾, outpointed Charlie Williams, 148½. Tollis is the Australian champion. Williams is a U.S. Negro.

Sydney—12 rounds. Don Johnson, 161½, K.O.'ed Ern Jarvis, 163, in three.

Sydney—12 rounds. Ernesto Aguilar, 126, of Mexico, outpointed Elley Bennett, 124¾, Australian bantam champion.

Sydney—12 rounds. Joe Brown, 139, K.O.'ed Charlie Williams, 145, in one round. Both U.S. Negroes.

Sydney—10 rounds. Eddie Marks, 118, outpointed Johnny Gleeson, 115.

Sydney—12 rounds. Irvin Steen, 148, K.O.'ed Harry Hayes, 148¾, in five.

Melbourne—12 rounds. George Barnes, 137¼, outpointed Kev Brown, 138¼. Jim Carruthers, 121, K.O.'ed Ron Wilson, 116, in five.

Melbourne—12 rounds. Ken Bailey, 144, K.O.'ed Johnny Kay, 150½, in seven.

Melbourne—12 rounds. Frank Flannery, 132¾, K.O.'ed Alfie Clay, 133¾, in eight.

Melbourne—12 rounds. George Barnes, 137, outpointed Len Arthur, 137. Johnny Wheeler, 125¾, outpointed Bluey Wilkins, 125.

Melbourne—12 rounds. Frank Flannery, 134, outpointed George Barnes, 134.

Melbourne—12 rounds. Mickey Tollis, 147, K.O.'ed Al Wilburn, 145, in ten.

Leichhardt—12 rounds. Ray Coleman, 128, outpointed Bluey Wilkins, 125¾.

Leichhardt—12 rounds. Jimmy Carruthers, 119, K.O.'ed Fred Kay, 124, in the last round.

Leichhardt—12 rounds. Ray Coleman, 127, K.O.'ed Norm Tymms, 126, in six.

Leichhardt—12 rounds. Ray Coleman, 128, outpointed Keith Francis, 124.

Leichhardt—15 rounds. N.S.W. title. Ray Coleman, 126, K.O.'ed Ken Wenman, 124½, in 14.

Newcastle—12 rounds. Mick Analzark, 132, outpointed Kevin Bell, 135.

Newcastle—12 rounds. Kevin Bell, 137, outpointed George Sands, 141.

Newcastle—12 rounds. Joe Delaney, 162, K.O.'ed Harold McKinnon, 160, in ten.

Newcastle—12 rounds. Henry Bray, 191, K.O.'ed Hughie McGoogan, 179, in four.

Newcastle—12 rounds. Jack Smith, 160, outpointed Joe Delaney, 160.

Brisbane—12 rounds. Mick McDonald, 134½, outpointed Jackie Ryan, 132¾.

Brisbane—12 rounds. Len Dittmar, 157¼, K.O.'ed Jack Dempsey, 158¼, in two.

That is all for this month, fans. My address is 11 Milburn Rd., Sutherland, N.S.W., Australia.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY

By J. A. Tree

TWO title fights took place on the same program at Munich on the last day of October when feather and lightweight champion Walter Demke, Berlin, lost his lightweight title to Hans Hafner, Bamberg, on points, and Hans Schomig, Schweinfurt, retained his bantam crown against flyweight champion Georg Tietzsch, Berlin.

The other title affair could have resulted in a draw, but the third man thought Schomig had done enough to retain his title.

Both fights were over the championship distance of 12 rounds.

On November 1 at Koln, Peter Muller, German middle champion, continued his string of wins over European fighters campaigning in this country and clearly outpointed Jean Wanes, France, over ten rounds.

The link up between Joachim Gottert, Berlin promoter, and Madison Square Garden seems to be complete and an exchange of fighters may take place next year.

At Frankfurt, on November 11, a crowd exceeding 10,000, many of whom were American service men stationed in the area, saw Peter Muller, 72 kilo, beat his four pounds heavier opponent, Gilbert Stock, France, on points over ten rounds at the Messehalle Frankfurt.

Stock was gallant in defeat as was Muller in victory.

The German middle champion Muller also holds verdicts over Ken Stribling, U.S.A., and Jean Wanes, France.

The Muller-Stock affair was handled by Max Schmeling, who is now doing third man duties in this country.

Burl Charity, the American, was disqualified by Schmeling in heat seven for an alleged low blow against his opponent, Fredi Tiechmann, Germany. The American was rather unfortunate for he was ahead on points when the bout was halted.

Pinsdorf, 63 kilo, lost on points to Handtke, 64.1 kilo, over six three's.

Ludwig Petri, 61.1 kilo, lost to Heinz Sander, 60.5 kilo, in ten heats.

At Kiel, on November 3, Karl Tiedmann and Carl Schulmeister, promoter and matchmaker in the Kiel area, lost money in their combined effort in staging a show.

Jungverdorben, Hamburg, drew with Wonneberger, Hannover, in a featherweight bout.

Schier, Hannover, drew with Sohn, Hamburg (light-heavyweights).

Otto Domke, Hamburg, who recently held the American, Ray Lewis, to a draw, beat Rumke, Hildersheim, on points (welters).

The Kiel favorite Ernst Kohlsaat, beat Badorek, Hannover, clearly on points (lightweights).

Three German boxers traveled to Sweden for contests with Europeans and all gave a good account of themselves.

Ludwig Petri, Germany, knocked out Robert Astoin in six rounds. As the referee was counting over Astoin, the towel was thrown in.

Willibald Koch, Germany, beat feather Guillo on points.

Werner Abele, Germany, the blond from Mannheim, lost on points against the 22-year-old Mounier.

Americans expected to box in Germany in the near future include Turkey Thompson, Charley Salas, Don Lee and Johnny Duke.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

HAWAII'S welterweight champion, Frankie Fernandez, displayed enough of his old-time form to give Beau Jack a rough lacing in a ten-round bout held outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium.

The fight, co-promoted by Al Karasick and Augie Curtis, drew 4,649 customers for a gross take of $11,322.40.

The decision in favor of the Hawaiian battler was unanimous. The referee favored Fernandez by an 18-8 count, while the judges had it 20-9 and 22-8. Two points were deducted from Beau Jack for low blows. However, the fight was much closer than the scores and it turned out one of the best fights seen here in a long time.

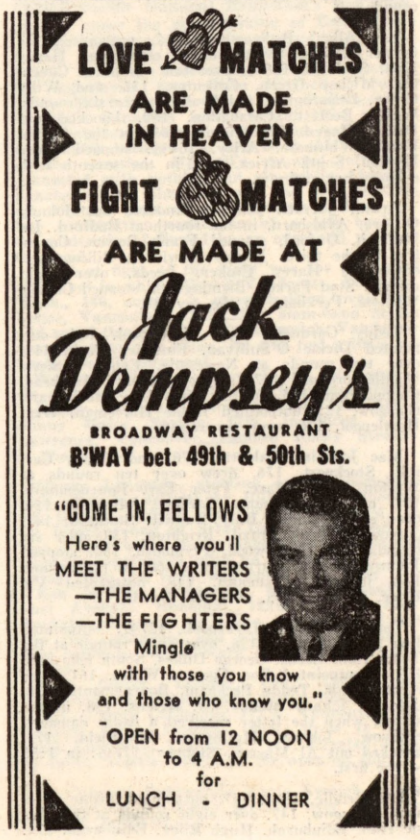
Fernandez started off as if he intended to finish Beau Jack as soon as possible. Not long after the first round started, he shook the Georgia Kid with a stiff right cross and followed up his advantage with several more good rights and lefts. But Beau Jack proved tougher than expected. Instead of running away, he merely cocked his right for a bolo punch and came wading in, landing a few blows of his own.

For the next four rounds, the milling was fast and furious, with Fernandez enjoying a slight edge in most of the exchanges. He landed with hard rights and lefts but was unable to get at Beau Jack's well-protected jaw. Beau Jack was less accurate with his punches and for the most part was unable to land with his famed bolo punch.

Late in the fifth round Fernandez backed Beau Jack up against the ropes and flailed away with both arms for a full 30 seconds. Beau Jack just stood there without trying to fight back and took everything without flinching. When the bell ended the round, he walked nonchalantly to his corner.

Thereafter Frankie gave up trying for a knockout. Frankie Fernandez, 146¾, outweighed Beau Jack, 144½.

Other results: Ray Carvalho, 126, won over Masa Goda, 130¼, in the five-round semi-final. Ray Apana, 143, upset Richard Choi, 142¼, in four rounds. Richard Cabral, 137½, beat Manuel Correa, 140, in four rounds. In the four-round opener, Joey Pachar'on, 145½, T.K.O.'ed Linford Chung, 137, in the first.



TIMELY CHATTER *in* GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

JIMMY PEARCE, Middlesborough, 113, scored a good points win at Middlesborough when he outpointed the smart Welsh flyweight, Glyn David, 113, over eight rounds. Bryan Kelly, Bury, 120, knocked out Laurie Morrow, West Hartlepool, 119, in the third. Ernie Vickers, Middlesborough, 147, outpointed Bobby Peart, Barnsley, 148, over six rounds.

Jock Bonas, Edinburgh, 126, outpointed Zeke Brown, Jamaica, 129, over eight rounds at Carlisle. Wally Diamond, Jamaica, 180, stopped Chard Baert, Newcastle, 176½, in the first. Bob Taylor, Chopwell, 130½, outpointed Donald Scott, Carlisle, 130, over six rounds. Jimmy Muirhead, Choppington, 144½, outpointed Leo Kirkham, Preston, 140, over six. Johnny Duckworth, St. Helens, 132½, knocked out Tommy Johnstone, Newcastle, 132, in the fourth.

Jeff Oscroft, Derby, 111½, outpointed Billy Ashton, Wigan, 112, over ten rounds at Willenhall. Sid Band, Worcester, 122, knocked out Johnny Brown, Tamworth, 122½, in the second. Geoff Heath, Worcester, 158½, stpoped Ken Woods, Tipton, 151½, in the fourth. George Roe, Wolverhampton, 160, stopped Joe Romero, Trinidad, 166½, in the first round.

Wally Thom, Birkenhead, 145, outpointed Jimmy Molloy, Liverpool, 146, over 12 rounds at Liverpool, to win the vacant Central Area welterweight title. Mickey Flanagan, Birkenhead, 137, outpointed Johnny Carrington, Nottingham, 137, over eight rounds. Ronnie Greb, Liverpool, 134, knocked out Jackie Molloy, Bootle, 131, in the third. Tim McLeary, Wrexham, 142, knocked out Eric Billington, Golbourne, 144, in the first of a six-rounder.

Ron Pudney, Croydon, knocked out Freddie Webb, Belfast, in the seventh of an eight-rounder at Norwich. Clive Campling, Norwich, outpointed Johnny Hunt, Northampton, over six rounds.

Jackie Turpin, Leamington, 125, knocked out Jim Dwyer, Glasgow, 126, in the seventh of an eight-rounder at Blackpool. Ray Sharples, Burnley, 135, drew with John Parry, Nigeria, 139, over eight rounds.

Ron Johnson, Bethnal Green, 118, drew with Ronnie Bissell, Rotherham, 120, over eight rounds at the Hoxton Baths. Johnny Lewis, Blackfriars, 134½, stopped Joe Rock, Hoxton, 137½, in the fourth. Alby Hollister, Islington, 165, knocked out Ivor Mitchell, Chatham, 162, in the first of an eight-rounder. Vince Wallace, Islington, 164, outpointed Johnny Donn, Stepney, 158, over six rounds.

Les Allen, Bedworth, 157½, outpointed the former British welterweight champion, Henry Hall, Sheffield, 158½, over ten rounds at Coventry. Mickey Green, Coventry, 136, and Willy Croke, Leamington, 134½, drew over six rounds. Wally Beckett, Carshalton, 160, knocked out Danny Hagen, Leamington, 165, in the fourth. Frank Whitmore, Arley, 164½, stopped Steve Kirston, South Africa, 161, in the seventh with a badly cut eyebrow.

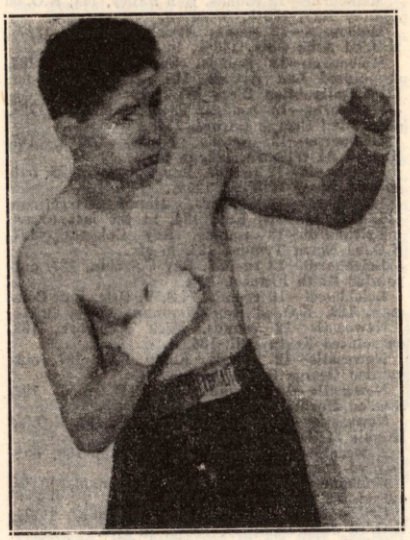
Arthur Jarratt, Jamaica, knocked out Johnny O'Gara, Aylesborn, in the fourth at Bedford. Joe Mullagh, Oxford, stopped Frank Rowen, Coventry, in the third. Johnny Rawlings, Billingsgate, outpointed Harry Croker, Leeds, over eight rounds. Stan Parkes, Birmingham, stopped Charlie Wisdom, Peckham, in the seventh.

Teddy Gardner, West Hartlepool, 114, outpointed Dickie O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 114, over ten rounds at Newcastle. Ernie Vickers, Middlesborough, 147, stopped Jimmy Muirhead, Choppington, 145, in the fifth. Don McTaggart, Glasgow, 125, outpointed Jackie Horseman, West Hartlepool, 126, over six rounds.

Mac Joachim, Calcutta, 170, and Jimmy Carroll, Stockport, 176, drew over ten rounds at Weston Super Mare. Peter Fay, Bournemouth, 121, outpointed Jimmy Cardew, Islington, 120, over eight rounds. Billy Russell, Stockton, 141, outpointed Tony Brazil, Brighton, 139, over six rounds. Alf Underwood, Plymouth, 163, stopped Johnny Speers, Bournemouth, 160, in the second. Bob Johnson, Plymouth, 145, outpointed Vic Price, Ipswich, 145, over six rounds.

Tommy Bailey, Liverpool, 127¾, outpointed Lou Alter, Canada, 126, over eight rounds at the Town Hall, Leeds. George Dilkes, South Elmshall, 159¾, outpointed Ron Cooper, Wales, 161, over eight rounds. Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 126, defeated Johnny Molloy, St. Helens, 128, in the second when the latter received a badly damaged eyebrow. Johnny McGowan, Wakefield, 175, knocked out Al Marson, Stepney, 177½, in 1:55 of the first.

Les Rendle, Hull, 147, outpointed Jackie Marshall, Glasgow, 147, over eight rounds at the Music Hall, Edinburgh. Hugh Riley, Edinburgh, 114, outpointed Johnny Black, Preston, 112, over six rounds. Pat McCoy, Galloway, 126, outpointed Walter Taylor, Stirling, 121, over six rounds. George Lamont, Glasgow, 127, outpointed Donald Scott, Carlisle, 128, over six rounds. Walter Black, Edinburgh, 138, made an impressive debut by knocking out Peter Collins, Carlisle, 128, in the second.



Peter Keenan, whose recent victory over Tommy Proffitt puts him in line for a shot at the bantam crown.

Ron Latham, Hickleton Main, 136, outpointed Ricky McCulloch, Belfast, 136½, over eight fast rounds at the Caledonian Road Baths. Eric Davies, Stourbridge, 142, outpointed Eddie Cardew, Holloway, 147½, over eight rounds. Terry Bullivant, Islington, 136½, stopped Tommy Trinder, Stepney, 137½, the referee calling a halt in the fifth when Trinder had received a badly cut eyebrow. Mickey O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 119½, outpointed Jimmy Butler, Hickleton Main, 118¾, over six rounds.

Gus Foran, Liverpool, 117¾, won the bantamweight championship of the Central Area when he defeated Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, 115¾, in the seventh of a scheduled 12-rounder at the Liverpool Stadium. Gill was forced to retire with a damaged ankle. Johnny Hazel, Jamaica, 138, outpointed Vince Marshall, Manchester, 137, over eight pleasing rounds. Ivor Devonport, Ellesmere Port, 160, stopped Freddie Cooke, Crewe, 153, in the second of a six-rounder.

Billy Ambrose, Stepney, 153½, outpointed Eric Hall, Cambridge, 152½, over ten rounds at Cambridge. Ken Rowlands, Luton, 163, outpointed Rod Deamer, Paddington, 159, over eight rounds. Eric King, Buckingham, 176¾, outpointed Ron Barton, Burwell, 175½, over six rounds. Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 163¼, outpointed Bert Gallagher, Wisbech, 163½, over eight rounds. Jimmy Jennings, Clapton, 117, outpointed Johnny Bartles, Nottingham, 114½, over six rounds. Doug Cobb, Wisbech, 188, outpointed Charlie Jacques, Hardwick, 179, over four rounds.

Jeff Tite, Spratton, 148¾, knocked out Alan Wilkins, Ystradgynlais, 149½, in the second of an eight-rounder at Northampton. Jim Wellard, Northampton, 158, outpointed Ron Price, Grantham, 150¾, over eight rounds. Kay Kalio, Nigeria, 149, stopped Nat Thomas, Grantham, 148, in the third of an eight-rounder. Bert Spratt, Northampton, outpointed Gordon Sparrow, Rushden, over six. Johnny Hunt, Northampton, 143, outpointed Bert Middleton, Kettering, 144½, over six rounds.

Dick Langley, Peckham, 157, defeated Bos Murphy, New Zealand, 157½, in the third of a ten-rounder at the Hoxton Baths, when Murphy was disqualified for an alleged butting with his head. It was a most unsatisfactory ending to a fight that had produced more than its quota of thrills. Harry Herbert, Bethnal Green, 129, stopped Jackie Summerville, Walworth, 127½, in the sixth of an eight-rounder. Roy Paine, Notting Hill, 135½, outpointed Ron Dennington, Peckham, 145½, over six rounds. George Connors, Islington, 113½, stopped Hughie Byrne, Ireland, 115, in the first. Gene Sczap, Brighton, 159, kayoed Jimmy Brooks, Stepney, 160, in the first of a six-rounder.

Israel Boyle, Nigeria, 145¾, stopped Maurice Mancini, Leamington, 141¾, in the tenth and last round at Blackpool. Tim McLeary, Wrexham, 145, stopped Bill Shaw, Manchester, 145½, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-rounder with a badly cut eyebrow. George Day, Hull, 161¾, was forced to retire with a dislocated shoulder in his bout with Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 159½. The bout ended in the first round.

The bout between Tommy Farr, Tonypandy, and Piet Wilde, Belgium, at Leicester, the second on Tommy Farr's comeback campaign, ended in a fiasco when, owing to a mistake in the referee picking up the timekeeper's count when Wilde was down, the Belgian was adjudged to be out. The bout was disappointing, with Farr showing nothing of his old form. In fact, the Belgian was ahead on points when floored in the third round from Farr's only good punch of the bout. The Belgian took the count in the center of the ring, sitting on his haunches, rising at what he thought was "nine," but the referee called "Out!" The crowd showed its disapproval in no uncertain fashion at the way in which the bout ended. A full inquiry was ordered by the British Boxing Board of Control.

Les Allen, Bedworth, 156½, drew with Doug Miller, South Africa, 161¾, over eight rounds. Robert Eugene, Belgium, 205, lost on points to Reg Andrews, Shoeburyness, 191, over eight rounds. Cliff Anderson, British Guiana, 136, lost narrowly on points to Tommy Barnham, Fulham, 137¾, over eight rounds. Henry Hall, ex-British welter champ, 159½, outpointed Joe Beckett, Hempnall, 161¾, over eight rounds. Don Scott, Derby, 179½, knocked out Harry Painter, Andover, 187½, in the second of a six-rounder. Bernard Pugh, Liverpool, 128, outpointed Mickey Forrester, West Ham, 128, over eight rounds.

Eddie Moran, Leeds, 128, outpointed Tommy Jones, Neath, 128, over eight rounds at Walsall. Eric Metcalfe, Northwich, 156, outpointed Benny O'Rourke, Jamaica, 154, over six rounds. Joe Blytheway, Wellington, 143½, knocked out Ken Ashwood, Derby, 145, in the first of a six-rounder. Charlie Simpkins, Leeds, 128, outpointed Arthur Jarratt, Jamaica, 126, over six rounds. Mickey Quinn, Willenhall, 125, stopped Al Lindon, Brownhills, 128, in the first round.

Aaron Wilson, U.S.A., 189, defeated Lloyd Barnett, Jamaica, 182, in the seventh of a ten-rounder at Earls Court Stadium, London, when Referee Jack Hart invoked a little used rule and ended the contest on the grounds that Barnett was completely outclassed, and too far behind on points to win. Roy Ankarah, Gold Coast, 125, who must be the nearest thing to perpetual motion since Henry Armstrong, outclassed Tony Lombard, South Africa, 127, and the contest was halted in the eighth. Garnett Denny, Belfast, 178, drew with Billy Woods, South Africa, 172½, over six rounds. Paddy Slavin, Belfast, 182, knocked out Johnny McLeavey, Barking, 188, in the fourth of a six-rounder. Charlie Tucker, Walworth, 125, outpointed Billy Woods, Northampton, 128, over six rounds. Charlie Parmenter, Battersea, 134½, stopped Gordon Morrison, Sheffield, 131½, in the first of a six-rounder.

Ex-Guardsman Jack Gardner, Market Harborough, 215½, who had his first professional boxing contest less than two years ago, won the British and Empire heavyweight championships when he forced the holder, Bruce Woodcock, Doncaster, 202, to retire at the end of the 11th of their 15-round contest at the Earls Court Exhibition Hall, London.

Gardner took the fight to Woodcock throughout and surprised the large crowd by the nonchalant way in which he attacked. By contrast, it seemed that Woodcock was the challenger, for he was taken out of his stride from the opening gong, and his highly vaunted punching power seemed to make no difference to the Market Harborough lad, who was two weeks past his 24th birthday.

Boxing skill was to the fore throughout the contest and surprisingly enough, it was Gardner who was doing the boxing and gaining the points, while Woodcock seemed to be content to keep trying overarm rights in the hope that one might land and finish his opponent. Many did land, but at no time at all was the ex-guardsman in any difficulty, and as the middle rounds passed into boxing history, it was a weary and disillusioned Woodcock who saw that his hardest punches went for nothing against the strong youngster.

In the tenth and eleventh rounds he made frantic attempts to bring his man down, but Gardner absorbed all that Woodcock could give him, and came back just as strong as ever, punishing the Doncaster man severely. At the end of the eleventh round, Woodcock signalled his retirement, and a jubilant Gardner was crowned the new British and British Empire heavyweight king.

Don Cockell, British light-heavyweight champion, 177¼, won over Lloyd Marshall, U.S.A., 176¼, when the latter was disqualified in the seventh of a scheduled eight-rounder. It was an unsatisfactory ending to a contest that was holding

interest. Cockell was ahead on points at the close.

Johnny Williams, Rugby, 191½, making his first appearance since his defeat by Jack Gardner last July, showed marked improvement and boxed beautifully to defeat George Kaplan, Brooklyn, 187. Kaplan opened up a cut under Williams' left eye with his first punch, but after that it was all Williams, who left-handed the young American at will. The referee halted the bout after Williams had severely punished Kaplan, and had the youngster in a bad way in the seventh round.

Eddie Thomas, British welterweight king, 149, and Emanuel (Titi) Clavel, France, 145½, drew over ten rounds. Terry Ratcliffe, Bristol, 148, knocked out Eddie Cardew, Holloway, 147½, in the second of a scheduled six-rounder. Denny Dawson, Doncaster, 128, was outpointed over six rounds by Ivor Simpson, Basingstoke, 129.

Ivor Germain, Barbados, knocked out Des Garrod, Paddington, in the ninth of a ten-rounder at the Stadium, Liverpool. Neil Phillips, Glasgow, outpointed Stan Parkes, Birmingham, over eight rounds.

Dick Langley, Peckham, defeated Bos Murphy, New Zealand, who was disqualified in the third of a scheduled eight-rounder at the Hoxton Baths. Harry Herbert, Bethnal Green, stopped Jackie Somerville, Bournemouth, in the sixth. Roy Paine, Notting Hill, outpointed Ron Dennington, Peckham, over six rounds. George Conners, Islington, stopped Hughie Byrne, Ireland, in the first. Gene Szczap, Brighton, knocked out Jimmy Brooks, Stepney, in the first of a six-rounder.

Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, knocked out Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, in the first of a ten-rounder at Blackpool. Harry Legge, Bournemouth, outpointed Arthur Mossey, Manchester, over eight rounds.

Randolph Turpin, Leamington, British middleweight champion, unleashed his heavy artillery and put paid to Jose Alamo, Spain, in the second of a scheduled ten-rounder at Abergavenny. . . . Jackie Turpin, Watford, knocked out Eddie Dunazel, Cardiff, in the second of an eight rounds affair. . . Dennis Sewell, Treharris, drew with Lew Miles, Mountain Ash, over six rounds. . . . Ron Bruzas, Blackwood, drew with Willy Crooke, Leamington Spa, over eight rounds. . . . Roy Agland, Tir-y-birth, stopped Willy Brain, Swansea, in the second of a six-rounder. . . . Malcolm Innocent, Cardiff, stopped Jackie Badland, Blaenavon, in the third of a six-rounder, with a damaged eyebrow.

Reg Spring, Southall, stopped Billy Dean, Greenwich, in the fifth of a ten-round bout at Derby. . . . Sid Hyam, Nottingham, and Maurice Wilkinson, Hartshorne, drew over six rounds. . . . Noel Wilkinson, Newhall, knocked out Peter Roberts, Warsop, in the first.

Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, outpointed Tommy Bramble, High Wycombe, over eight rounds at Downham. . . . Eddie Sellers, Peckham, outpointed Peter Mahoney, Downham, over six rounds. . . . Bryan Anders, Brighton, knocked out George Barrett, Bermondsey, in the third. . . . Dick Streak, Sidcup, outpointed Joe Tichener, Peckham, over six. . . . Johnny Godfrey, Walworth, edged out Joe Singh, British Guiana, over six rounds.

Ron Johnson, Bethnal Green, outpointed Laurie McShane, Glasgow, over eight rounds at Leyton Baths. . . . Eddie McCormick, Deal, decisioned Jimmy Cardew, Holloway, over eight. . . . Ron Bebbington, West Ham, outpointed Bob Cleaver, Borough, over eight. . . Mickey O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, stopped Paddy Hyland, Northampton, in the fourth session. . . . Johnny Bartles, Nottingham, won over Paddy Hardy, Ireland, disqualified in the third. . . . Eric Beighton, Leicester, outpointed Bill Ellis, West Ham, over six rounds.

Ken Rowlands, Luton, stopped Ivor Mitchell, Chatham, in the sixth session at Luton. . . . Ken Tison, Kettering, and Ken Hogarth, Luton, drew over six rounds. . . . Hugh Edwards, Dagenham, knocked out Reg Milburn, Leighton Buzzard, in the fourth. . . . Bert Middleton, Kettering, outpointed Ossie Wilson, Northampton, over six. . . . Teddy Prior, Croydon, knocked out Jack Kramer, Walham Green, in the first. . . . Reuben Carl, Gold Coast, stopped George Bushell, Edgware, in the fourth.

Vince Marshall, Manchester, stopped Dick Levers, Chesterfield, in the fifth of an eight-rounder at Middlesborough. . . . Bryan Jelley, Bury, outpointed Roy Thomas, Jamaica, over six. . . . Teddy Cook, Bury, outpointed Jimmy Storey, Darlington, over six. . . . Danny Delaney, York, knocked out Billy Glass, Seaton Carew, in the third.

Willie Schages, Dutch light-heavyweight champion, outpointed Johnny McGowan, Wakefield, after ten rounds at Newcastle. . . . Billy Rattray, Dundee, outpointed Terry Cullen, Shotton, over eight. . . . Jackie Keough, Chester-le-Street, outpointed Charlie Fawcett, Leeds, in six.

Peter Fay, Bournemouth, defeated Gus Foran, Liverpool, the latter being disqualified in the eighth and last round of their bout at Preston. . . . Israel Boyle, Nigeria, outpointed Johnny Downes, Manchester, over eight rounds. . . . Stan Mac, Preston, outpointed Jack Thomas, Liverpool, over six. . . . Bobby Rhodes, Preston, knocked out Ken Maynard, Stalybridge, in the third. . . . Ron Howarth, Bolton, stopped Gordon Burns, Preston, in the third.

Teddy Lee, Islington, stopped Mike McTigue, Tottenham, in the second round at the Caledonian Road Baths, London. . . . Billy Russell, Tottenham, knocked out Billy Lee, Islington, in the fifth. . . . George Connors, Islington, outpointed Les Daw, Dagenham, over six rounds. . . . Chris Charles, Covent Garden, beat Bernie Long, Romford, retired at the end of the third. . . . Teddie Clifford, Islington, outpointed Jack Osborne, Rochester, over six rounds. . . . Tony Mancini, Euston, kayoed Conny Dinn, Dagenham, in the fourth. . . . Mike Gillman, Covent Garden, outpointed Les Roberts, Hayes, over six rounds.

Peter Keenan, Glasgow, won the right to meet Danny O'Sullivan for the latter's British bantamweight title, when he knocked out Tommy Proffitt, Manchester, in the second of their twelve-round final eliminator at Paisley. Keenan attacked relentlessly, soon having Proffitt in a bad way, and floored him several times before applying the coup-de-grace.

Vic Harrison, Birkenhead, outpointed Ron Cooper, Pyle, over ten rounds at Liverpool Stadium. . . . Mickey Flanagan, Birkenhead, outpointed Hugh Smith, Sunderland, over eight rounds. . . . Joe Corcoran, Huddersfield, stopped Jimmy O'Connell, Liverpool, in the fourth.

Pierre Langlois, France, pricked the hitherto highly touted Jackie Braddock's, Manchester, bubble, when he outpointed the latter in convincing fashion over ten rounds at Manchester. . . . Ray Fitton, Manchester, outpointed Bernard Pugh, Liverpool, over ten rounds. . . . Black Pico, Cuba, outpointed Mickey McKay, Australia, over 10. Benny "Kid" Chocolate, Gold Coast, outpointed Al Young, Jamaica, over eight. . . . Johnny Sullivan, Preston, kayoed Al Murphy, Macclesfield, in the second.

Piet Van Staden, South Africa, drew with Danny McKay, Edinburgh, over eight rounds at the Hoxton Baths. . . . "Sugar" Roy Catouse, British Honduras, stopped Alby Hollister, Kings Cross, in the fourth of an eight-rounder with a damaged eyebrow . . . Ken Ryan, Holloway, knocked out Pat Cahill, Edmonton, in the third. . . . Jimmy McLachlan, Hackney, drew with Bobby Manito, Clapham, over six rounds.

Dai Davies, Wales, knocked out Jock Bonas, Edinburgh, with sixty seconds to go in their ten-rounder at Blackpool. . . . Bobby Mason, Liverpool, stopped Len Shaw, Sheffield, in the sixth. . . . Alf Critchley, St. Helens, outpointed Roy Johnson, Liverpool, over four rounds. . . . Tommy Mason, Liverpool, outpointed Tony Green, Warrington, over four.

Manny "Kid" Francis, Gold Coast, outpointed Jimmy Webster, Canning Town, over eight rounds at the Leyton Baths. . . Johnny Carrington, Nottingham, outpointed Alan Buxton, Watford, over eight. . . . Joe Rood, Hackney, beat Doug Myers, Doncaster, stopped in the seventh. . . . Harry Herbert, Bethnal Green, stopped Bobby Woods, Northampton, in the eighth of a ten-rounder.

Henry Carpenter, Packham, stopped Billy Ashton, Wigan, in the second of a ten-rounder at the Manor Place Baths. . . . Jack MacVicar, Scotland, knocked out Phil Ellis, West Ham, in the first. . . . Jimmy Brewer, Kings Cross, outpointed Billy Lipwin, Stepney, over six rounds. . . . Ron Rayner, Fulham, outpointed Joey Myers, Aldgate, over six rounds. . . Johnny Lewis, Blackfriars, stopped Billy Russell, Tottenham, in the fifth. . . . Eddie Sellers, Peckham, and Peter Indaco, Brixton, drew over six.

Gaetano Annaloro, Tunis, stopped Bobby Boland, Dundee, in the third of a ten-rounder at the Earls Court Stadium, London. Annaloro wasted no time and punished Boland severely before the uneven contest was ended. . . . Another Frenchman, Charles Humezt, did very well in stopping Jeff Tite, Spratton, in the third of a scheduled eight-rounder. Humezt, a hard puncher, indeed, floored Tite with a straight right, and when he arose in bad shape and unable to defend himself, the referee halted the bout. . . . Ron Pudney, Croydon, outpointed Bert Sanders, Kilburn, over ten rounds. . . Bernie Newcombe, Dagenham, outpointed Roy Paine, Notting Hill, over six rounds. . . Jock Taylor, Sidcup, stopped Alf Hines, West Ham, in the seventh. . . . Ivor Germain, Barbados, outpointed Laurie Buxton, Watford, over eight rounds.

Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, British and Empire featherweight king, made a successful defense of his title, and became outright holder of the Lord Lonsdale Belt, when he outpointed the Scottish featherweight champion, Jim Kenny, over fifteen interesting rounds at Jack Cappell's Albert Hall promotion.

Kenny started the bout as though he was anxious to end it quickly, and for three rounds he forced the champion to adopt defensive tactics, but in the fourth round Clayton began to fight back, taking the initiative, and soon had Kenny in trouble, a beautifully timed right cross sending him clean out of the ring onto the timekeeper's table. The Scot scrambled back into the ring, beating the count, but tearing his trunks in doing so. Clayton soon proved his mastery over the 21-year-old lad from Dundee, and dominated the bout from the fourth round on. Kenny made spasmodic attempts to pull the fight out of the fire, but Clayton's ring generalship ensured him of the referee's decision.

Alf Danahar, Bethnal Green, retained his Southern Area welterweight crown over twelve rounds, when he received the referee's points verdict over Bob Frost, West Ham. . . . Eric McQuade, Downham, made a successful debut in the middleweight ranks, when he stopped Dick Langley, Peckham, in the first of a scheduled eight-rounder. McQuade soon had Langley in dire straits, and after flooring him three times the referee called a halt. . . . Ivor Germain, Barbados, was unlucky to be declared the loser in his eight-rounder with Jean Laballet, France. . . . Mac Joachim, India, outpointed Dave Williams, Barry, over six rounds. . . . Jimmy Carroll, Doncaster, outpointed Jackie Harris, U.S.A., over eight rounds.

NEWS FROM BOMBAY

By Gopal D. Shingadia

THE Rangers Boxing Tournament at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay: The ABA lightweight champion, Charlie Dormer of London, slipped, swayed, ducked and counter-punched to make the most effective weapon possessed by India's middleweight champion, Ron Willmer, 141, appear of little consequence.

Referee Elridge congratulated both the boxers and called it a close fight. It certainly was and if the decision had gone to the Indian champion, he would not have been flattered. Certainly, Willmer's narrow failure to gain the Hansraj Thakker silver belt was as glorious as any victory.

After the high standard and spirited exchanges set by the preliminary boys the main eventers were in a bigger spot than they realized. They went about it cautiously, and while the bout was no crowd pleaser, the defensive skill of the two could never for a moment be questioned. Dormer's counter-punching and ice-cool brain interwove with brilliant ringcraft.

Charlie Dormer, Great Britain, 138 pounds, beat Ron Willmer, India, 141 pounds, on points.

Charlie Dormer, Great Britain, 138 pounds, beat Gene Raymond, India, 137 pounds, on points.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS

By Chester Norton

THE Pacific National Exhibition's first offering under the matchmaking of Gene Mason can be termed a success. A good sized crowd turned up at the Exhibition Gardens to watch Frank Almond, Vancouver, 127½, demonstrate his superiority over Dave Mitchell, Toronto, 128½ Mitchell supposedly a top challenger for Almond's Canadian featherweight title, was so sadly outclassed over the ten round route that a title match between the two is at this time out of the question. Mitchell's vaunted left hook connected with nothing but air, while Almond's punches landed almost at will and he used them all. Frank's most effective weapon was a one-two combination consisting of a left hook to the midsection followed by an overhand right to the head.

The best fight of the night was the six round semi-final in which Blackie Vandeveer, Aberdeen, Wash., 140, copped a close decision over Lyle Kehoe, Vancouver, 137¼. For slam-bang action and speed this was the fight to watch. Vandeveer won on experience alone. He was just a little too heady for his opponent.

Wallace McLeod, Sydney, N. S., 182, won a six rounder over Billy Carter, Edmonton, 183¼.

Jimmy LaChance, Port Alberni, 171, KO'ed Sonny Maize, Seattle, 173¾, in three. Louis Lawrence, Vancouver, stopped Rocky Streeter in the second.

Jimmy Langston, starting on the comeback trail after his setback by Billy Fifield, knocked out Grover Jackson, San Francisco, 160¼, in the fourth round at 2:15. Up to that point, it was a fight which might have been transplanted from the waterfront with no science at all, just swing from the heels and come what may.

Ken McPhee, Vancouver, 131¾, disposed of Carl Arakaki, Honolulu, 129¾, in the fifth. Arakaki attempted to make a fight of it but was just outclassed and outgunned. McPhee is now ready to step upward into the main event bracket.

Billy Carter, London, Ont., 186¼, beat Slaughterhouse Waterhouse, Boise, Idaho, 189¾, in six. Jimmy LaChance, 172¼, Vancouver, and Frankie Rowe, Tacoma, 169¾, drew in four Louis Lawrence, Vancouver, 149, defeated Johnny Scott, Seattle, 145½, in the opening four.

In Calgary, lightweight Ernie Kemick, scored a unanimous ten-round decision over Joey Ortega, of Portland.

DETROIT AND VICINITY FISTIC HEADLINES

By M. Dominguez

FLINT opened its winter boxing season with a 36-round card that packed plenty of action featuring heavyweights in the main attraction. Embrel Davidson, Detroit, K.O.'ed Irish Joe Pierce, of Chicago, in the first round of the ten-round main go.

In a good eight-round semi, Floyd Felder, of Flint, K.O.'ed Pinky Cowan, of Chicago, in six. On the undercard Johnny Summerlin, of Detroit, got off the canvas twice to score a T.K.O. over George McDonald, of Grand Rapids, in the fifth round. Gene Reynolds, of Toledo, K.O.'ed George Andrews, of Detroit, in the second. Chico Clay, of Battle Creek, was knocked out by Ray Ulis, of Toledo, in the third, and Raul (Chili Bean) Prado put Roosevelt Branch, of Flint, to sleep in the first.

The boys in the Lester Felton camp felt very bad over losing to Gene Hairston in a split decision at Olympia. It seems that Hairston makes his own rules as he goes along or else the referee was not looking as we feel a referee should. This was the ten-round main event. The rest of the card saw Ray Barnes score a nine-round K.O. over Anton Raadik, Joe Garza K.O. Lonnie Allison, Chuck Davey T.K.O. Joey Brown, Red Elby K.O. Eddie Gambrelli, Maxie Baird T.K.O. Sidney Banks. The show drew a crowd of 4,898 and a gross gate of $7,963.

At the Arena Gardens, Embrel Davidson won his twelfth victory when he went the distance with Jimmie Carrolo to gain the decision. On the undercard John Summerlin K.O.'ed Norm Smith in the first round, Harvey Mack won the decision over Willie Browning in four, Fred Protas knocked out Willie Iron in the second, Bill Harrington won over Bill Partin, and Raul Prado decisioned Bucky Gardner.

Fight fans may see another champ if they keep watch on young Embrel Davidson, who just won another fight in Flint, Michigan, over Steve King, of New York. The bout went the limit of ten rounds and was pretty even through the ninth round, but in the tenth Davidson put King to sleep.

The rest of the show saw Jay Watkins, of Flint, win a split decision over Jesse Underwood, of West Virginia. Chuck Davey, of Detroit, scored a K.O. over Bob Dudley, of Chicago, second round. Auburn Copeland, stopped Eddie Gonzales in the fifth and Johnny Summerlin K.O.'ed John Ciddone in the second.

At Lansing, Michigan, Gene Linscott, of Pontiac, chose a very unique way of ending his ring career just when he was going so well, by suddenly walking out of the ring in the sixth and so giving the fight to that very good boy from Lincoln Park., Al Gronik.

In the six-round semi Pinky Cowan, of Chicago, won over Ron Cannon, of Lansing. The rest of the program saw Al Adams, a heavy from Lansing, K.O. Jimmy Kinard, of Detroit, in the third.

Fred Protas K.O.'ed Charles Taylor in the first and Raul Prado decisioned Al Green. Both Detroit boys.

Here and there with the Detroit Boys—Baby Tampico lost to Arthur Portley at Milwaukee. On the same show, Kid Alfonso floored Jerome Frazier twice before being K.O.'ed in the third round. Gene Reynolds was K.O.'ed in the second, and Chico Clay lost a close decision to Troy Luckett.

Harold (Baby Face) Jones was dropped in the first round by Ronnie Harper. This all took place in Omaha, but the boys went on to fight a draw.

I haven't heard from our friend Jack Waina for some time so I guess he is on his way over there. Just in case anyone would like to drop him a line here is his address, Pvt. Jack J. Waina, cr, 57511309, BBTY 11th AAA AW. (sp.) BKS 5, Fort Lewis, Washington.

I'll close this column by saying any comments, etc., should be sent to M. Dominguez, 6015 McClellan, Detroit 13, Michigan, or phone WA. 5-9618.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY

By Ken (Duke) Stigner

WEST SCRANTON'S Sonny Gennell, who previously had won a string of straight knockouts as long as that flunked his first home town main event test when he dropped an eight round decision to the veteran Freddy Lott, Newark Negro, in one-third of a triple windup in the first indoor fights of the winter season promoted by Hank Stezar, dean of Scranton promoters in Town Hall.

Giving away eight pounds at 151, Sonny took a one-sided pasting from his foe during the first four rounds and was on the floor from a short left hook in the third round for a count of eight. Gennell started to come on in the fourth as he brought a trickle of blood from cuts on Lott's nose and mouth, but Lott rallied to take the round.

In the fifth, sixth and seventh, Gennell took the play from the Newark battler and won the rounds with his better punching and aggressive tactics. Gennell was leading when all at once Lott seemed to untrack himself and punched his way to win the unanimous decision of the judges and referee.

In another eight rounder, Ralph Jacobs, 134, Newark, N. J., lost a split decision to Irish Tim Dalton, 136, former Golden Gloves champion from Chicago. This bout was a boxing exhibition.

The third bout of the triple feature saw Rocky Brisbois, 20-year-old French Canadian from Montreal, getting the nod over Eddie Holtz, Atlantic City. Brisbois almost punched himself out in decisioning Holtz. There was no question as to the verdict as all three officials voted for the Montreal lad who looked very impressive in his debut here. Holtz, a veteran of the battle pits took everything that Rocky could dish out and how he managed to stay on his feet was amazing. The kid from Montreal, equipped with two hands, hit Eddie around the body so often and hard that numerous welts developed. Only Holtz's courage kept him on his feet.

Bobby Peck, 146, Sunbury, and Tony Gallis, 144, Dickson City, put on the best fight of the night, as they went at each other with hammer and tongs from the opening bell on. The bout didn't have a single dull moment. Peck went down for a nine count in the fourth and was taking the count on one knee when the final bell ended the fray in the sixth. Gallis won the nod from all three officials.

The curtain raiser lasted but 2:11 as Charley (Chuck) Bloss, Wilkes-Barre, engaging in his third pro fight, landed a jolting right to the temple of Billy Banks, Philadelphia, and the ringman went out cold. Banks came in at 135, and Bloss weighed 142. It looks like the youngster from the lower valley can hit. Only 603 paying fans witnessed the show, paying a gross cash gate of $1,154.25 into Promoter Stazar's till —meaning he lost money.

More than 2,000 witnessed the action-packed amateur boxing show at the Catholic Youth Center. The Elks sponsored the show and the proceeds went to five local charities.

Barney Ross, former lightweight and welterweight champion of the world, served as guest referee in two of the scraps. Ross also auctioned off his shoes and a CYC shirt to swell the fund.

Manny Glob, local referee, was charman of the show. Emil Kezel refereed eight of the bouts while Kenny Werst and Jackie Britton were the judges.

Scranton's representatives broke even. Ray Terranella, 126, gained the nod over Herb Walker of the Wilkes-Barre Club.

Rex Miller, dropped the duke to Nick Ingram from Philly Athletic League.

In the best scrap of the night, Paul Walters, Wilkes-Barre, 147, punched out a win over Levi Morris, also of Philadelphia. Walter floored his opponent for an eight count in the first with a right to the jaw.

Waiting for the Bell—Hank Stezar vows he's going to keep on putting on shows twice a month in Town Hall. . . . Sonny Gennell stopped Billy Brown in one at Pottsville. . . . Three Scrantonians journeyed to Toronto, Canada, and made their Canadian debut. Bobby Harvey, dazzled and outpointed Maxie Male, and quickly caught on with the crowd. . . . On the same card Dominick La Rosa lost via a TKO. . . . Bobby Lloyd, who some time ago gained the nod over Arthur King, won over Chink Williams in Washington . . . too bad we don't see more of Bobby here at home. The Anthracite expects to bring Eugene Hairston back with some of the top middleweights this winter.

WICHITA AND THE MIDWEST

By W. W. (Wimpy) Malcolm

THE Fraternal Order of Eagles sponsored their second boxing program of the winter season on Thanksgiving.

Curt Kennedy, Wichita heavyweight, kayoed Tommy Arthur, a student of Murry College at Paducah, Kentucky, in the closing seconds of the tenth round after having Arthur down for a nine count in the seventh. Kennedy had things well in hand from the start with good boxing and clever foot work but had to bide his time for the KO as Arthur can put you to sleep with either hand.

In the six round windup, a welterweight scrap, Ray Lee, Kansas City, won a slam bang split decision from Don Smith, a local boy.

Marvin Smith, Wichita, 141, won by a TKO in four from Fernando Rivera, 143. Rivera was ahead on points when he suffered a nasty cut over his left eye which stopped the bout, however, it appeared that Rivera was tiring and I believe Smith would have won had it gone the full six rounds.

Homer Bradyhoff, Wichita, in his second pro fight, won a decision over Tano Avila in four rounds. Both are middleweights.

Bud Love, 135, Kansas City, gained the nod over Ruben Salazar, 135, Mexico City. Ted Davis, 155, fought Russ Turner, 156, to a draw in four rounds. This was the debut for Davis into the pro ranks and he looked good. Russ Turner, a Californian, is making Wichita his stomping grounds in the future and he should come through in good shape, he can hit and he is a good boxer.

We are happy to say the boxing game is gaining its old time popularity here and the future looks promising, we're giving the public the kind of fights they want and their response is most gratifying at the box office.

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FISTIC HEADLINES FROM BARBADOS, B.W.I.

By Geoffrey Perkins

KID RALPH, 155, of Barbados, scored a T.K.O. over the French West Indian champion, Young Bassin, 152, in the fourth round of a scheduled 12-rounder at the Barbados Yankee Stadium on October 31.

Kid Ralph, the local champion, punched and hooked viciously throughout the three rounds. He moved quickly for a middleweight and timed his movements well.

In the semi-final, Belfield Kid, 115, was T.K.O.'ed by Sam King, 126. The popular Kid had already been beaten by Sam, who was the amateur champion before turning pro. Sam King, however, was made to look slow in comparison with the lightninglike Belfield Kid.

The preliminary saw the one-time amateur featherweight champion Victor Lovell, now a pro, T.K.O. Kid Lewis. Lewis appeared scared of his lighter opponent. After a deep cut was opened over his eye, Lewis would not answer the bell for the third round.

FROM TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By Homer Amundsen

THE state of Washington is without a professional fight club doing active business. Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma may be dark for some time to come.

The first of a series of college boxing shows at the College of Puget Sound, where I coach the sport, welcomed a well-attended eight-bout program between college boxers and amateur performers from the Bremerton and Seattle Greenwood Athletic Clubs.

Chuck Haines, former boxing promoter at Spokane, has joined forces with popular Bill Garbirino in the promotion of amateur shows at Bremerton, the state's big Navy city.

Wrestling is doing a good business in Tacoma. Promoter Pavvo Ketone and his popular and ringwise assistant, Jack Routledge, have put the grappling game on a paying basis in this city.

Professional boxing in the Northwest, as in other parts of the nation, seems to be on its way out. There is no use kidding ourselves. Lack of good white fighters and a popular white heavyweight champion of the world are the reasons for this sad picture of the pro fight game.

An unknown Boise, Ida., fight promoter recently made an announcement that he would offer 175-pound champion Joey Maxim $60,000 to meet Harry Matthews in a title contest in that city. Jack Hurley, manager of the popular Matthews, continues to feed his fighter soft opposition.

Golden Gloves tournaments throughout the Pacific Northwest will soon get under way. Pat McMurtry, highly regarded College of Puget Sound 175-pounder, is given a good chance to cop the Boston National crown come next March.

Two of the most colorful Golden Gloves shows in this section of the country, Tacoma and Portland, Ore., can always be expected to produce first-rate amateur talent. A. R. Whitman and Ray Kelly, Tacomans, and Ed Potter of Portland, are largely responsible for the great success of the Tacoma and Portland events.

A close follower of sports, Washington State's Governor Arthur B. Langlie showed his love for boxing by purchasing tickets for my first college boxing program, only to find he couldn't sit in on the event due to pressing state business.

Len Gervais, the popular little manager of Vancouver, B. C.'s, fine featherweight contender, Frankie Almond, is bringing his boy along correct lines. Another year may find young Almond showing his wares in New York's Madison Square Garden. Frankie is the new Canadian featherweight champion.

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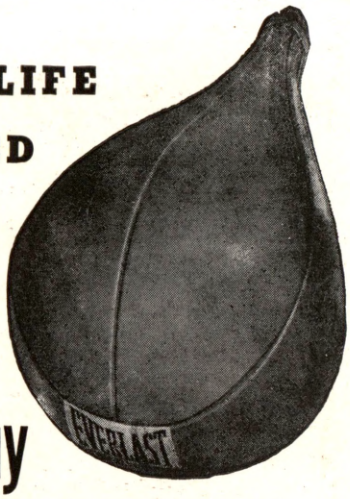

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